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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
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Re Pittsburgh letter to NY, 3/29/61.

The NYO has no additional information concerning PATTERSON's and BART's proposed trip to the Pittsburgh area. Information has been developed by the NYO that on 3/17/61, PATTERSON was in attendance at a CP meeting in NY, NY, and PHIL BART was in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

3-Pittsburgh (RM)
(1-100-9098) (PHIL BART)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-84275 (414)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80644)

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On 3/20/61, NY 1730-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following:

The subject related to his wife some of his activities while in the New England CP District that previous weekend. He said that he had spent one night at HORACE's house, another at JOHNSON's, and Friday at OTIS's. He said that he and DANNY (RUBIN) spent sometime with STRUIK (DIRK) who he described as a professor at MIT. He said that STRUIK gave RUBIN a list of professors' names from Harvard who consider themselves Marxists. He said the list contained some very prominent names. BART continued that they now want STRUIK to bring together some of these professors to organize a group which will set up a forum of "a Marxist approach to modern day college".

PHIL said that the District Committee meeting he attended on Sunday was a farce and that a number of the members were absent with all kinds of excuses. He said the HOMER CHASE Group which is made up of his two brothers and three other comrades had met the previous week and made a motion to condemn OTIS NOOD for supporting the murderers of LUMUMBA. He said that this was the big issue at the district meeting and that

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(1 - 100-1270) (DIRK STRUIK)
(1 - 100-) (MIKE LAU)
(1 - 100-) (HOMER CHASE)
(1 - 100-) (OTIS NOOD)
(1 - 100-) (PHIL BART)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-128255) (DANNY RUBIN) (#415) 100-56579-5471
1 - New York (100-80644)

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most of them wanted to continue it in the next meeting. He said he finally got up and said that this would not be an issue at the following meeting but that they would discuss the influence of the Congo situation on the Negro movement.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-19249)

JACK KLING
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On 3/23/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE DART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

Among information furnished by the source were photographs of a two-page handwritten letter from SUE KLING in Chicago to the DARTS dated 3/17/61. This letter contains a great deal of personal information as well as information regarding the activities of SUE KLING and her husband JACK in CP affairs in Chicago.

The original photographs of this information are being forwarded to Chicago as an enclosure to this letter for their information.

4 - Chicago
(1 - (100-) (SUE KLING)
(1 - (100-) (CP - Jewish Affairs)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL DART) (7415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE DART) (7415)
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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-7908) DATE: 3/30/61
FROM : SA DARREL B. CURRIE
SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
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Brief description of activity or material

Meeting of District Committee, CPUSA,

New England District, [redacted]

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Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Informant's report dated [redacted] follows:

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4-New York (RM)
1-100-80641 (CPUSA, ORGANIZATION)
1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1-65-60544 [redacted]
1-100-9365
25-Boston
1-100-7908
1-134-91 [redacted]
1-100-24406 [redacted]
1-100-24914 [redacted]
1-100-34141 [redacted]
1-100-22939
1-100-568 [redacted]
1-100-28032 [redacted]
1-100-547 [redacted]
1-100-16341 [redacted]
1-100-18576 [redacted]
1-100-509 [redacted]
1-100-313 [redacted]
1 1-100-15973 [redacted]
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1-100-19864 [redacted]
1-100- [redacted]
1-100-775 [redacted]
1-100-20778 (CPUSA,MEMBERSHIP)
1-100-16191 (CPUSA FUNDS)
1-100-20787 (CPUSA FACTIONALISM)
1-100-20781 (CPUSA YOUTH MATTERS)
1- 97-78 (THE WORKER)
1-100-15971 [redacted]
1-100-926 [redacted]
1-100-18169 (PAMPHLET & PUBS.)

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"Communist Party District Committee Meeting of [redacted]

"The regular Monthly Meeting was held in [redacted] At the home of [redacted]

[redacted] chaired the gathering which was called to order at 11 AM.

"Agenda - Party progress report - Auditing Committee's report. Discussion on Progressive Youth Organizing Committee - Election to fill the vacancy on the District Committee of [redacted] in April.

"Attendance: [redacted] Phil Bart of New York and [redacted] L.N.U. of Philadelphia. Also [redacted] L.N.U.

"Progress report - In substance, this report was centered around the 2/26/61 reception of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Arguments by [redacted] and Phil Bart, indicated that the so called Homer Chase's resolution at the 2/26/61 reception of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was disrupting. Furthermore Disruption was the ultimate aim of [redacted]. And too that [redacted] by, choice was the willing tool of Homerism.

[redacted] efforts to get a letter from Elizabeth on the resolution by the 3/23 Meeting date of the Industrial Club appears to be fruitless inasmuch as [redacted] and Phil Bart reiterated that Elizabeth Gurly Flynn is in the West Coast and will not be able to respond to this issue in the near future.

"[redacted] tried to censure [redacted] for supporting the resolution. Phil Bart shouted his demands that the Present District Committee had done more good work since its begening than was acomplished during the entire administration of [redacted] as district organizer, and that as members of the district Committee, each one must be responsible for the leadership of the Communist Party without any advice from the [redacted] Stated that each member on the district Committee is responsible for leadership in both the district Committee and in a respective club and that securing the coperative relation of clubs, Hense he felt that it is bad that his comitment to the Industrial Club will not be filled in its next meeting.

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[redacted] supported [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] demanded that [redacted] appologize for his actions and atitude in supporting the resolution.

'[redacted] was indignant, made no attempt to appologize and insisted on having the whole subject tabled for more discussion in the 4/7/61 District Committee Meeting. b6 b7C b7D

'[redacted] gave the financial report of the 2/26 reception $984. cash of which $800 was sent by [redacted] to the Worker. By 3/19 Pledges of at least $200. were paid and presented to Phil Bart on this date for a total of $1000 on the 61 Workers fund drive which is one half of this district's quota. b6 b7C b7D

"Since so many of the members had to leave by 3 PM, priority was given to the issue on youth.

[redacted] L.N.U. was presented as chairman of the Progressive Youth Organization in Philadelphia. Lunch period uterlized with discussions on youth. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] had done quite a bit of legwork during the few days he spent in this vacinity accompaning Phil Bart. He mad_ a list of namesof college students and a list of teenagers for interviews to set forth activities among the campus and teenage groupes. This is said to be a non party groupe of young communists. b6 b7C b7D

"The [redacted] in Cambridge are to work with the Campus affair and [redacted] and [redacted] with the teens. b6 b7C b7D

"Subscriptions were available for the 'New Horizon for Youth.' This paper is a part of the Youth movement.

"Audit: [redacted] L.N.U. gave a brief report and stated that any questions could be presented if necessary. She reported the transaction for the past year which gave no indication of having any monies on hand at the time that the District Committee was set up. In fact the report shows that the Communist Part_ is in debt as the results of the last ful_ time D.O. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] demanded an acount of the emergency fund which was not mentioned in the report. At this pdnt [redacted] took the floor. She stated that that fund was not a part of the operating report. Then after much arguments and charges by [redacted] and [redacted] against the others [redacted] reported that about $1150 to $1175 of the fund is left, and that the original plan set forth was that if and when any of the $3000 fund were used in the way that it was spent, that it was to be in terms of a loan from the funds to be repaid. Therefore [redacted] insists that every dime be paid back to the fund by the Communist Party.

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"This is all the information I have at the present time."

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Will exhibit photographs of [redacted] (Bosfile 100-34141) and [redacted] (Bosfile 100-19864) to [redacted] in an effort to have him identify the [redacted] (LNU) and the [redacted] (LNU) mentioned in this report.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)(415) DATE: 3/31/61
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Date of Report 3/9/61 b6 b7C

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Brief description of activity or material

Celebration of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's birthday and The Worker's 37th Anniversary, held Carnegie Hall, NYC, 3/3/61

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Remarks:

A copy of informant's oral report is attached. Information furnished by informant was dictated by SA LANGTRY to [redacted] on 3/13/61; transcribed on 3/15/61, and authenticated by informant on 3/22/61. b6 b7C

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On 3/3/61, the CP sponsored and advertised function, "Sounds of Freedom," was held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. This function was held to celebrate WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's birthday and The Worker's 37th Anniversary. Among those in attendance were:

(1-100-16785)	(415)	JAMES JACKSON - who functioned as chairman
(1-100-105078)	"	HY LUMER
(1-100-23825)	"	BEN DAVIS
(1-100-18065)	"	JACK STACHEL
(1-100-1696)	"	ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
(1-100-82863)	(421)	[redacted]
(1-100-84994)	(415)	GUS HALL
(1-100-135084)	(414)	AGNES WILLIS
(1-100-79025)	"	MILDRED MC ADORY
(1-100-87995)	(415)	JOSEPH EDELMAN
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(1-100-133660)	(424)	ARTHUR KNIGHT
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(1-100-26018)	(415)	LOU WEINSTOCK
(1-100-131531)	(422)	BUDDY FRANCIS
(1-100-109560)	"	PAUL SCHWARTZ
(1-100-56)	(414)	MIKE DAVIDOW
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JAMES JACKSON, who served as chairman, spoke on the contributions of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to the American way of life and to the CP. He praised FOSTER's work in the trade union field, especially within the CP. JACKSON read greetings sent to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER congratulating him on his birthday from the various CP's throughout the world, such as China, Great Britain, India and Israel.

BEN DAVIS spoke mainly on Negro rights in the U.S. today. However, he also praised WILLIAM Z. FOSTER for his fight and leadership in the Negro field. DAVIS, during his speech, praised the slain Patrice Lumumba and charged that the American foreign policy is aiding the colonialists. DAVIS then reviewed the New Orleans issue and stated that the time is right now to get rid of Jim Crowism within the U. S.

HY LUMER spoke after being introduced by JIM JACKSON as one of the seven trade union leaders who had been convicted under the non-Communist provision of the Taft-Hartley law. LUMER spoke on his trial and explained how he had been convicted by a stool pigeon. He stated that there is a resurgence of Mc Carthyism within the country today.

GUS HALL, in his speech praising FOSTER for the work and leadership within the Party, made the statement that socialism is the greatest political system in the world today.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was another one of the speakers on the rostrum who praised WILLIAM Z. FOSTER for his leadership of the C.P. and the work he had done for the Party.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK also praised FOSTER but stated that he was mainly, at this time, interested in making a plea for money for the Worker drive. WEINSTOCK, at this time, stated that there was a good possibility that the Daily Worker would be activated in the near future. He then made a plea for funds to carry on the work of The Worker.

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Enlarged meeting, North Shore Section,

CPUSA, New England District, [redacted]

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1 - 100-14203 [redacted]
1 - 100-26335 [redacted]
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"Feb. 23, 1961

[redacted] attended a meeting of the North Shore section of the Communist Party of New England held at the home of [redacted] b7D

"Attending were: [redacted] b7D

"The agenda was dues, literature, D. C. Report, Negro work, housing, clothes for Freedom Village. Report on coming Elizabeth Gurley Flynn reception, Willard Uphaus and Hugo DeGregory. Cuba - Fair Play, 81 Party Conference.

[redacted] paid dues. b7D
[redacted] distributed January 'Political Affairs', 'Jewish Life' and December issue of 'World Marxist Review.'

[redacted] gave the D. C. report. He said that there were plans to publish a pamphlet on Cuba soon. b7D

[redacted] said that [redacted] had told him he and another person had gone to the bookstore to get a chair he had donated and found a padlock on the door. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said no rent has been paid on the bookstore for some time so we can say we no longer have a bookstore. b7D

[redacted] said we have to learn more about and protest the ex-Nazi who holds a NATO position and is scheduled to come to Washington in June. b7D

[redacted] said that Phil Bart of the National Committee was there and reported that the N.C. had hailed the 81 Party Conference and that Gus Hall had made a speech on this that would be published. b7D

[redacted] reported that Bart said we would receive an outline to follow to discuss the 81 Party Conference statement. b7D

[redacted] said that there was some discussion for need for better check-up and control within the Party. b7D

[redacted] said that the question of unemployment was discussed and expressed that we should pay more attention to it. b7D

[redacted] said that there would be a registration drive to register members and also try to win back some of the ex-members. b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] if Bart hadn't reported on [redacted] b7D

[redacted] said he had said tha[redacted] from the National Committee and put on probation. b7D

[redacted] said he wanted it to be on record that he was opposed to the giving up of the bookstore. b7D

[redacted] said there were valid reasons for giving up the bookstore. One was that the location was poor and also there were no funds for it. b7D

[redacted] said that previous experience had shown that a bookstore always operated at a loss and the deficit would have to be made up by the district. He said the district is in no position to do this at this time. b7D

[redacted] also said that someone would have to register as a foreign agent in order to carry certain books. b7D

[redacted] said that some time in the future we might have a bookstore in a different location. b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] what probation meant as far as [redacted] was concerned. b7D

[redacted] said he assumed this meant that [redacted] would have to behave himself and not work against the Nat. Committee and not distribute anti-party literature. b7D

[redacted] said the reason for [redacted] has been published in the 'Worker.' b7D

[redacted] reported that he had taken our donation to Mr. [redacted] in Lynn and that the Lynn N.A.A.C.P. was now collecting clothing for Freedom Village and any clothing would be appreciated. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said a meeting had not been held yet to discuss housing. b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] if he could set up a meeting with [redacted] to discuss housing. b6 b7C b7D

"Phil said he would try to arrange a meeting.

[redacted] said he had been talking to [redacted] about the DeGregory case. He said that the [redacted] had said that DeGregory feels that he has been abandoned. [redacted] said that [redacted] wondered if we could run a fund-raising affair for DeGregory. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that the lawyer DeGregory has is very expensive and will not make a phone call without being paid for it. [redacted] said the lawyer keeps track of every minute spent on the case and charges for it. b7D

[redacted] said he understood Hugo's lawyer didn't want Hugo to have anything to do with the Party and that Hugo went along with it. b7D

[redacted] said that Hugo had gone from lawyer to lawyer and finally had gotten an Atty. [redacted] to take his case. b6 b7C b7D

"[redacted] said it wasn't as if we had a lawyer in New Hampshire. b7D

[redacted] said that Hugo's case was being tried in N.H. and we had to have a New Hampshire lawyer and [redacted] was the only one who would take his case. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said he did not think we should just forget Hugo. b7D

[redacted] made a motion that the D.C. be instructed to formulate policy on Hugo. b7D

[redacted] and [redacted] were also asked to see [redacted] and [redacted] and make an appointment with Hugo to talk to him to learn his desires as far as the Party is concerned. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said she didn't think the Uphaus case is over and that we spent a lot of time wondering how to win back former members but seldom helped support things that they are interested in. b7D

[redacted] said she should see [redacted] for a donation to the Elizabeth G. Flynn affair but she hated to as we have done nothing to help Hugo who the [redacted] are interested in. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that in New Hampshire Powell has threatened to arrest Uphaus if he ever sets foot in N. H. again. b7D

[redacted] gave a report on the plans for the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn affair saying that 200 were expected to attend. b7D

[redacted] said that this affair was to welcome Elizabeth on her return home from a trip to Socialist countries and hear her tell of what she saw there and also help the fund drive financially. b7D

[redacted] said the Party needs funds and the North Shore should make a pledge at this affair. b7D

[redacted] pledged $10.00; [redacted] pledged $10.00; [redacted] pledged $20.00; [redacted] said he would give something; Lew said he would give something; [redacted] said she would give $5.00. b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] if he could pledge. b7D

[redacted] said he was not going to make a pledge at this time. b7D

[redacted] told of attending a meeting of the Fair Play for Cuba committee at Mrs. [redacted]s in Lynn. b6 b7C b7D

"We had planned to discuss the 81 Party Conference statement as printed in the 'Political Affairs' but as [redacted] had not received the outline for discussion on this we decided to wait until they arrived. b7D

"We set a date of Thursday, [redacted] for the next meeting to be held at [redacted]s in Beverly." b7D

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-) 4/5/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#41)

1961 MAY DAY
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On 3/21/61 and 3/23/61, NY 1750 furnished information regarding conversations between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. These particular conversations described below specifically deal with the subject.

On 3/21/61, the subject mentioned to his wife during a conversation that MIMI (FRIEDLANDER) was going to be in charge of May Day.

On 3/23/61, subject told his wife that the question of the May Day Parade had been discussed and was creating quite a problem. He said the big question is where it is to be held. He said the 14th Street Businessmen's Association has a permit for Union Square on May 1 and that it was generally agreed that the party should put up a fight to also obtain a permit even though they probably won't get it. He said the city has offered them Washington Square as an alternative and at first they were agreeable. However, on second thought, they recall that Washington Square has a university and that this would attract alot of students, and in addition, it is just not a working class area. He said besides this, the newspapers would probably publicize the meeting with the comment "the commies are heading for Greenwich Village".

He continued that if they can't have Union Square they will make a fight for the 17th Street end of the park, and if they can't get that, they will take Union Square on May 2.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (#423)
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 4-5-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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1 - 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL)
1 - 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)
1 - 100- (CP, USA, INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS)

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March 31, 1961

Through discussions with various National leaders of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) during the period of March 23-28, 1961, the following miscellaneous information relating to the situation within the CP, USA on a national level was ascertained.

Affairs of the National Office, CP, USA, are not going well, even though GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, claims they are.

While HALL sees BOB THOMPSON, he no longer has any confidence in THOMPSON or in THOMPSON's work because of his drinking.

BEN DAVIS reportedly does not work and has no specific tasks now assigned to him. HALL, PHIL BART, IRVING POTASH and JACK STACHEL all feel that they must find some specific tasks for DAVIS and they hope to be able to assign him responsibility for several commissions.

GUS HALL has indicated that he is not satisfied with PHIL BART's work. He was considering and already has proposed to make STACHEL the Political Secretary of the National Executive Board and to assign him the function of keeping minutes, of making assignments, and following through on the tasks and work of the National Executive Board. This assignment of STACHEL as Political Secretary of the National Executive Board would definitely infringe upon the current responsibilities of PHIL BART.

HALL is now earnestly attempting to win over the support of ARNOLD JOHNSON in an effort to get him to work with the leadership.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211) April 6, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33728)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
FACTIONALISM
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The information set forth in the attached page was orally furnished on March 28, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information, to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD. This information was reduced to writing on April 5, 1961.

8 - New York (RM)
(1) - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100- (JOSEPH BRANDT)
1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
1 - 100-136953 (EDITH LUMER)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
2 - Chicago
1 - A)134-46

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March 28, 1961

Recently, GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held a discussion with HY LUMER and as a result of this discussion, is very dissatisfied with LUMER's attitude. HALL admits that LUMER does have problems but feels that he has not taken the necessary steps to settle them. According to HALL, LUMER recently asked for a six months leave of absence from the Party for the purpose of writing a book. The National Executive Board was about to vote on and approve the requested leave of absence when he, HALL, got up and stated he did not see why anyone needed that much time to write a book. As a result of HALL's comment, LUMER was not at that time granted the requested leave of absence. HALL also commented that LUMER, in his present state of mind, may be leaving the movement and would revert back to his class.

HY LUMER in turn continues to speak strongly against HALL and the treatment he claims he is getting from him. He again has brought up his financial problems. In this regard, it was suggested to him that rather than continue his vocal comments relating to his financial situation, that he put the facts in a financial statement and present them in that manner to PHIL BART and HALL. By that means, both HALL and BART would be aware of LUMER's financial situation.

Subsequent to learning of the above, it was ascertained that on the evening of March 25, 1961, GUS HALL held a social affair at his home and that among those present were HY LUMER, JOE BRANDT and MIKE DAVIDOW and their wives. Whether the attendance of LUMER at this social affair in any way changes the personal struggles between HALL and LUMER is unknown.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-96985) April 6, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33744)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
IS - C

DO: NEW YORK

Re New York letter, 3/17/61.

Referenced New York letter requested that CG 5824-S* be recontacted for the purpose of clarifying information regarding the type of skeleton underground apparatus being set up by JACK STACHEL, BETTY GANNETT and PHIL BART.

On April 3, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA RICHARD W. HANSEN that when GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), furnished him the information in late February, 1961, regarding the appointment of the above named three individuals to work on a skeleton underground apparatus, he furnished no additional details. However, it is the source's opinion that what HALL meant was that this new underground apparatus would provide for no mass exodus of the leadership of the Party into an unavailable status as in the early 1950's which had resulted in an almost total interruption of the open Party structure and activity. Instead, the number of persons who would become unavailable would be very limited and the Party would be very selective in choosing such individuals for this unavailable status. In addition, it is believed that HALL contemplates that persons presently under indictment by the Government under the provisions of the Smith Act of 1940 would not be included among those selected by the Party to become unavailable.

The source further advised that during the period of late March, 1961, while in New York City, all three individuals reported by HALL as having been designated to set up a skeleton

8 - New York (RM)
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  1 - 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
  1 - 100-82430 (IRVING HERMAN)
  1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
  1 - 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL)
  1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
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underground apparatus for the Party were contacted but none of them furnished any information indicating whether any action in the furtherance of their tasks had been undertaken or that any meetings in regard to this matter had been held.

However, the source advised that during this period in late March while in New York City, he learned that the CP, USA leadership is now of the opinion that all CP meetings are being covered by the FBI and that individuals in the Party leadership are now being watched on a daily basis.

PHIL BART cited the example of how he and IRVING KERMAN had attended a Party convention of the Printers on Sunday, March 26, 1961, at Central Plaza located in the vicinity of Second Avenue and 8th Street, New York City. He stated that the FBI was at this location all day and watched the place.

In addition, a number of comments were heard made be Party leaders that more and more FBI Agents are watching CP, USA headquarters on a daily basis than they had in the past.

Chicago is following this matter closely with the source and any additional information of pertinency will be immediately furnished to New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: April 6, 1961

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-81)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 3-30-61 NY 694-S* discussed with Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) the delegation from the CPUSA which the Soviets desire to attend the May Day celebration in Moscow. According to Hall, the delegation is to consist of only five persons but thirteen individuals "have submitted a request for passports." Hall indicated that as soon as these thirteen individuals receive their passports he will choose five whom he considers the best to represent the CPUSA.

Washington Field Office should immediately check with the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine whether the following individuals have applied for or received passports. In the event an application has not been filed or has been filed but a passport not issued, arrangements should be made for advice as to the filing of an application or actual granting of a passport. Where appropriate, a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination should be submitted to the Bureau under the caption of the individual, summarizing the data contained in the files of the Passport Office. Copies should also be designated for the New York Office and the office of origin in the individual case.

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3 - Chicago
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Letter to Washington Field
Re: Communist Party, USA
International Relations
100-3-81

1. Dorothy Healey
1733½ West 84th Street, Los Angeles, California
Born 9-22-14 in Denver, Colorado

The attention of Washington Field Office is directed to Bureau letter 3-29-61 advising that information had been received to the effect that Healey under the name Dorothy Healey Connelly had already obtained a passport. This letter instructed Washington Field Office to make the necessary check at the Passport Office.

2. Jacob Green
2544 Lauretta Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
Born 6-28-02 in Charleston, South Carolina

3. Thomas DeWitt Dennis, Jr.,
3775 Tyler Street, Detroit, Michigan
Born 9-2-18 in Bay City, Michigan

4. Fred Blair, also known as, Fred Bassett Blair
Upper, 1907-B North 16th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Born 10-4-06 in Berlin, Wisconsin

5. Samuel Krass Davis
621 Newton Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Born 3-15-99, Ukraine, Peryaslow, USSR

6. Jack Kling, also known as, Jacob Isadore Klinghoffer
Second Floor, 4732 North Monticello Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Born 8-14-11 in New York, New York

7. Louis Diskin
4639 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
Born 10-28-18 in Brooklyn, New York

8. Michael Davidow, also known as, Michael Davidoff
2134 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, New York
Born 2-15-13, Volkovish, Russia

9. Milton Klaff Rosen
90 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, New York
Born 5-20-26 in New York, New York

10. Philip Bart
Apartment 4G, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Born 6-28-02 in Warsaw, Poland

11. Thomas Nabried
1345 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Born 11-1-02 in Augusta, Georgia

12. Arnold Samuel Johnson
Apartment 5L, 56 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York
Born 9-23-04 in Seattle, Washington

For information of Washington Field Office, the Passport Office has advised the Bureau through liaison that an application for a passport had been received from Johnson. Pertinent investigative reports regarding Johnson have been submitted to the Passport Office by the Bureau.

13. Edward Joseph Chaka
5415 Caleb Court, Cleveland, Ohio
Born 3-22-09 in Cleveland, Ohio

The attention of all offices receiving copies of this letter is directed to New York airtel 3-31-61 captioned "CPUSA - International Relations, IS-C." Upon receipt of information from Washington Field Office that a passport has been issued, the office involved should take the necessary steps to assure remaining apprised of possible travel plans by the individual involved and, when appropriate, a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination should be submitted to the Bureau and New York setting out departure date, mode of travel and itinerary, if known. In this regard, the New York Office should continue to keep the Bureau and all interested offices advised of additional information obtained from the informant regarding the make-up of the CPUSA delegation to the May Day celebration at Moscow.

SAC, SEATTLE 4/7/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-127688)

BURT NELSON

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On 3/14/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following:

PHIL BART told his wife about the press conference which had been held that day at the CP National Office for the purpose of announcing the election of ELIZABETH FLYNN as Chairman of the CP, USA. He said there were representatives of all the press as well as TV as well as the British and foreign press. He said that ELIZABETH was wonderful and had them all in the palm of her hand answering all questions with knowledge and ease. He remarked that after the conference, MURRY KEMPTON (NY Post columnist) had come up to HALL and himself and remarked that "She is really a fine lady".

CONNIE then asked if "KEMPTON gave any indication of his past friendship". PHIL said that KEMPTON had been very friendly. CONNIE then mentioned that "when I was working on that STEVE NELSON thing sometime ago I called him and when he heard my name he immediately asked for you and couldn't have been more friendly".

3 - Seattle
(1 - 100-) (SYLVIA KOLKO)
1 - Newark (100-)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (#415)
1 - New York (100-) (MURRY KEMPTON)
1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (#415)
1 - New York (100-25857) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (#414)
1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (#415)
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PHIL then described a long night letter addressed to him which he had received at the office that day from BURT NELSON, and he described it as the filthiest piece of trash he has ever seen and that -----had sent it by public night letter. He continued that this was NELSON's reply on the ballot for FLYNN and needless to say it was a dissenting one. He said NELSON accused him of writing a vicious letter and was sarcastic and insulting. CONNIE asked what the problem with NELSON was, and PHIL stated that the party had a mess in his district which was supposed to be handled by GUS and he, but then it was decided to let FLYNN handle it while she was there. He said ELIZABETH investigated and made all the recommendations and that this is behind NELSON's move. He said that he also insisted that FLYNN's former office of Vice President promptly be filled.

He said that in addition NELSON asked that his vote be made public. He said that at that point 48 out of 55 electional ballots had been received and most of them came with responses of fine greetings for FLYNN. He said PAULIE ROBESON seemed to express some dissension indicating that he thought FLYNN had been placed in her position without the proper elective methods.

The subject then mentioned BILL FOSTER's daughter (SYLVIA KOLKO) who he described as a real pain. He said that she thinks that the party should wait on her hand and foot simply because FOSTER was her father. He said that now she wants the party to furnish her with a full-time chauffeur and servant. He said he is going to try to get MIMI FRIEDLANDER to help out part time and pay her $25.00 a week. He said MIMI might object to this; however, she doesn't do much right now as it is.

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Date: 4/7/61

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) AND SAC, NEW HAVEN

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART; IS DASH C, ISA OF FIFTY, SA OF FORTY. NY TWO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED FOUR SIX SIXTY ONE, THAT PHIL BART, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, CPUSA, HAD STATED HE EXPECTED TO GO TO NEW HAVEN, CONN. ON SATURDAY MORNING, FOUR EIGHT SIXTY ONE. BART SAID HE EXPECTED TO DRIVE HIS OWN CAR TO NEW HAVEN WHERE HE WILL SEE SID PAREN TAYLOR END PAREN. NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO DETERMINE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS WHILE IN THEIR TERRITORY THROUGH ~~SURVEILLANCE OR INFORMANTS~~ APPROPRIATE COVERAGE. NYO WILL ADVISE NEW HAVEN WHEN SUBJECT LEAVES NEW YORK. SUBJECT DRIVES NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN FOUR DOOR PLYMOUTH SEDAN, CREAM TOP AND TURQUOISE BODY, NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBER TWO L DASH TWO SIX TWO EIGHT.

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Bufile
100-3-69

New York, New York
April 7, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1961, that a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held on that date at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City. Among those in attendance were:

Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Will Weinstone, member of NC, CPUSA
Jim Allen, member of NC, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, member of NC, CPUSA
James Jackson, Editor of "The Worker"
Hy Lumer, Educational Director, CPUSA
William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman, New York District (NYD), CPUSA

Jim Allen reported on President Kennedy's defense budget characterizing it as a highly military budget which continues essentially the Eisenhower budget with a new emphasis upon certain types of missiles, particularly the Polaris. According to Allen, the new emphasis is based on the theory that, since the United States cannot overcome the missile gap on long range missiles, Polaris submarines will be emphasized and continental defenses will be strengthened.

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Re: Communist Party,
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Allen described as the most dangerous aspect of the defense program, the emphasis on limited and guerrilla war. He said the CPUSA must continue to show the necessity for banning nuclear war and the danger of the expansion of a small war into a big war. He asserted that the CPUSA must use (President) Kennedy's own statement as to the impossibility in the present-day world of solving problems by nuclear war. He added that the Party should make the maximum use of this general-type statement without creating the impression, however, that the CPUSA believes this statement really is American policy in view of the defense budget.

Allen concluded by stressing the need for continued mass pressures and peace marches for the banning of nuclear war.

James Jackson said that (President) Kennedy gives generalized lip service to the concept that war is outmoded but the contradiction is shown in his attitude toward the network of foreign outposts around the world and his efforts to render the military posture more efficient.

A proposal was made and adopted that Jim Allen's report be approved and that Allen prepare a two-page memo for the National Executive Committee (NEC) on his report.

Hy Lumer reported that the Education Commission had discussed the question of the (Civil War) Centennial in order to develop Party plans in regard to it. He said the Party should use this occasion to bring to the American people the real character and place of the Civil War in its relationship to the struggle for democracy and Negro rights in the United States today. According to Lumer, the Education Commission discussed a number of steps the Party and "the Left" should take. For the

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Party's immediate activities various suggestions were projected such as a Party statement on the centennial; a series of articles be published in "The Worker"; an article submitted by Herb Aptheker to "Mainstream" on the Civil War be considered for a pamphlet for general distribution; International Publishers issue a new edition of "Civil War in the United States" and develop a campaign around its distribution and sale and finally the Party prepare outline material for a series of classes and discussions on the Civil War.

Phil Bart proposed that the next NEC meeting be held Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th (1961). No objection was made, but source was unable to determine whether these dates were adopted.

There was some discussion regarding the recent report issued by the United States concerning Cuba. It was stated that this report was designed to bring about overthrow of the Castro government. According to Ben Davis, the report will be used as the basis for invading Cuba. He suggested that "The Worker" contact the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, solicit their comments on the State Department report and publish them in "The Worker".

William Weinstone described the Cuban report as a "fake flag floated by imperialism." He said the CPUSA has the responsibility of letting the people know the kind of government they have in Cuba and pointing out that any counter-government would be nothing but a puppet government of imperialists.

William L. Patterson discussed the recent case in Jackson, Mississippi, involving the use of dogs by local police to break up a demonstration of Negro students.

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Jack Stachel suggested a telegram be sent to the President and Attorney General in the name of the general officers of the Party declaring the shock of the American people at this police action and pointing out how it appears before the world. Source was unable to determine whether this suggestion was adopted.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly publication.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

FBI

Date: 4/7/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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(OO: NY)

There are transmitted herewith 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests held on 4/5/61 in NYC.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

5 - Bureau (100-3-69)(Encls. 8)(RM)
(1 - 100-3-81)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
(1 - 100-3-75)(CPUSA- NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(415)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
1 - NY (100-9595)(WILL WEINSTONE)(415)
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1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(414)
1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
1 - NY (97-1792)(FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE)(31) 100-56579-5484
1 - NY (100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(414)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 4/7/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 3/24/61.

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

By referenced airtel and letterhead memorandum, the Bureau has been advised of the following information. By means of this letter complete dissemination of this information is being made.

On 3/24/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA was held in the third floor board room at CP Headquarters, NYC.

Among those in attendance were the following; GUS HALL, Chairman of meeting, JACK STACHEL, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, BEN DAVIS, MORRIS CHILDS, PHIL BART, ARNOLD JOHNSON and JIM ALLEN.

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(1-100-) (CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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1-NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (414)
1-NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
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1-NY 100-32826 (JIM ALLEN) (415)
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PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA, opened the meeting and commented on the Cuban situation. He said the policy of the United States Government is to keep Cuba off balance and create problems. BART expressed the opinion that the United States would not use direct intervention in Cuba but would mobilize all kinds of support. He said the "Newman series" (referring to the articles by JOSEPH NEWMAN in the "New York Herald Tribune") are being circulated by the United States Government. BART said the articles attack the Cuban Government, and, further, claim that the Cuban people are not in support of the CASTRO Government.

PHIL BART said that the question of the CPUSA's relation with Cuba, the fight for peace, and the Party's relations to all Latin America is one of the "touch-stones of our responsibilities." The fight around Cuba and Latin America is one of the "keys" in the central question in the struggle for peace. BART said that a Party statement is needed to arouse "our movement" and expressed the thought that perhaps the CPUSA could issue a joint statement with the Cuban CP wherein Cuba raises the question of its own security, as well as the defense of the interests of the Cuban Revolution. He said the Party should join with the Communist Parties of the Western Hemisphere in the common fight for peace, which, he said, is related to the defense of Cuba. He said all forces in the United States should find solidarity in relationship with progressive forces in Latin America as part of the struggle against American imperialism and as part of the struggle for peace.

GUS HALL, General Secretary, CPUSA, commented on President KENNEDY's press conference, held on March 23, 1961, as regards Laos. HALL expressed the opinion that there would not be any kind of war and that it would be settled by negotiation, adding that the President's speech was not of the kind of a President who is preparing to go to war.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice-Chairman, New York State CP, said that the Negro press has retreated on the Cuban

situation and is not taking the same attitude that it took at the beginning of the CASTRO regime. PATTERSON said that the Party must show that the Monroe Doctrine is immoral and that domination of the Western Hemisphere by the United States prevents the development of the Latin American nations.

ARNOLD JOHNSON, a member of the National Committee, CPUSA, said that with regard to Cuba, the Party should refer to the so-called "government in exile" in Miami as a criminal conspiracy. JOHNSON also expressed disagreement with the issuance of any kind of a joint statement with the Cuban CP, adding that you could not compare the role of the Party in Cuba with the role of the Party in the United States.

BEN DAVIS, National Secretary of the CPUSA, commented that the headlines in the "New York Journal American" and the "New York Daily News" are calling for the KENNEDY Administration to go to war, as well as the GOLDWATER forces in the Republican Party, who are calling on the KENNEDY Administration to "go all out." DAVIS said that the Party must point out to the American people and to the peace forces that these are the forces exerting powerful pressure on the KENNEDY Administration along the line of "brinkmanship" and continuing the call for war, breaking off relations and worsening the situation with the Soviet Union. DAVIS said that Laos is not a true test of the KENNEDY Administration because it was inherited from the EISENHOWER Administration, but that Cuba is a true test of the Administration.

DAVIS then stated that at the next meeting of the National Committee, CPUSA, considerable discussion should be devoted to the whole situation in Latin America and Cuba. He said that the Party must expose the KENNEDY Administration policy and show that they are playing into the hands of the worst forces, which are demanding war.

JACK STACHEL, a member of the National Committee, recommended that a 200-word statement as regards Laos should be prepared by the Party in the immediate future.

The informant advised that the meeting concluded with GUS HALL commenting that possibly the Party could get some private people to initiate a petition to President KENNEDY showing why he should not continue the ill-advised plan of the EISENHOWER Administration.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-10-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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On April 5, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with a written letter from ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN dated March 31, 1961, which had been postmarked San Francisco, California. The letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and returned to the source on April 5, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3-194. Two photostats each of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau and New York.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
  1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - Boston (100-16160) (MIKE RUSSO) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (100-26044) (RM) (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
4 - New York (Encls. 2) (RM)
  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
  1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
  1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
  1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - Portlant (100- (CP, OREGON DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
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    1 - 100- (LINUS PAULING)
    1 - 61-414 (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)
    1 - 100-27747 (CP, NORTHER CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
2 - Chicago
    1 - A)134-46

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The verbatim contents of this letter which is set forth on the letterhead stationery of the Powell Hotel, Powell and Market, San Francisco 2, is being set forth in full below except for minor deletions of personal data. The information appearing in the parentheses was furnished by the source on April 5, 1961, for purposes of clarification.

"March 31 -
Friday

"Dear ....

"Rec'd yours of the 28th from Mickie (LIMA), on arriving last night, after a wonderful sight seeing trip on the Shasta Daylight. Am back here and will be for two weeks at this old hotel, where I stayed in 1926 with mother Bloor. I see the cable cars outside the door..... Nobody writes letters from N.Y. in fact that is a standard complaint in all the districts out here - that they never get replies to their letters. I have had two short notes from Phil (BART) dealing exclusively with the Calif. dates. They say that Hy (LUMER) is the only one who answers letters. This is not necessary. My old friend St. John used to write like this 'yours rec'd and contents carefully noted. In reply would state ---' and then say yes - no - or I'll let you know or be seeing you - are something that at least satisfied the hearer that 1) his letter was rec'd and 2) it was acknowledged - however briefly. Please tell Gus (HALL) of this general complaint when you see him on May 1st. Next - on the matter of my writing on the N.W. your warning is too late. I already sent two memos to Phil at his home address and one to you..... That situation may not last till I get back in mid-May and I feel Gus should know all the facts, so at least he can help pore oil on the troubled waters, by writing to the N.W. and telling them he is coming out there as soon as possible. If your letters become any more general than they already are I'll not understand them at all!! I can't see any sense to my going to all the trouble I did in both Wash. and Oregon and then not reporting on it till May. Anyhow I'll be guided by your advice from now on, tho that's already water over the bridge or under maybe. But my natural disposition is frankness - as you know - and I fear I'll never learn to be as cautious as you are nor am I sure I need to be or want to be. I'll just try to be discreet.

"Am glad to hear news of John. He needs a good rest - he is not well lately.

"I hope you can come West. Maybe you could help settle matters in the N.W. if Gus can't go.

"I just called Doggris (DENNIS) number but there was no answer. [redacted] is expected, so maybe that explains. Mickie strained some ligament in his neck and has a stiff neck - at present, rather painful. Bill S. (SCHNEIDERMAN) is not well; has high blood pressure. Had to go home from work yesterday with a dizzy spell. The Grossman have gone to India and plan to tour the Orient. b6 b7C

"The May 1st meeting in L.A. has now been switched to May 5th - and the one here is April 29th - I stay here until April 16 - then go South and return for May Day here and back for May Day there. Will surely see the country.

".... Maybe I can sue for libel. Mike Russo won $800 from a Boston columnist. Prof. Pauling is sueing the Bellingham Herald for $200,000 and some individuals too who wrote letters to them. .....

".....

Elizabeth"

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April 3., 1961

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POSSIBLE DELEGATION OF CP, USA
MEMBERS TO MOSCOW, RUSSIA,
MAY DAY, 1961

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on March 28, 1961.

It has been recently learned that a request has been received from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) that the Communist Party (CP), USA, attempt to arrange a delegation of 5 men to be present in Moscow, for May Day, 1961. This delegation, if formed, was requested by the CPSU to be present in Moscow no later than April 28, 1961.

As a result of this request, discussions led by Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP, USA, have resulted in the preparation of a list containing the names of 14 individuals, from which efforts will be made to secure the requested five man delegation. The names of individuals appearing on this list are as follows:

Tommy Dennis, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Detroit, Michigan.

Sam Davis, Chairman, Minnesota-Dakotas District, and a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Minneapolis.

Lou Diskin, a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, residing in Chicago.

Jack Kling, a member of the State Board, CP of Illinois, residing in Chicago.

Tom Nabried, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Philadelphia.

Fred Blair, State Chairman of the CP of Wisconsin, and a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Milwaukee.

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POSSIBLE DELEGATION OF
CP, USA MEMBERS TO MOSCOW,
RUSSIA, MAY DAY, 1961

Dorothy Healey, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Los Angeles.

Edward Chaka, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Cleveland.

Jake Green, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in Baltimore.

Phil Bart, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, residing in New York City.

Milton Rosen, a member of the CP, New York State, residing in New York City.

Mike Davidow, a member of the CP, New York State, residing in New York City.

Arnold Johnson, a member at large of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in New York City.

Eric Bert, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, residing in New York City.

It has already been definitely decided that Eric Bert will definitely participate as one of the five individuals in this delegation inasmuch as he is already abroad and is scheduled to be in the Soviet Union sometime in April, 1961.

Phil Bart, another of the individuals whose name appears on this list as being considered for this delegation was to have applied for a United States Passport on March 29, 1961 at New York City.

Since the request of the CPSU for a delegation was only recently received, many of the individuals selected for consideration have not as yet been contacted regarding their attitude on the matter or their ability to travel to Russia at this time. In view of the fact that the CPSU desires that

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these individuals be in Moscow by April 28, 1961, they will be requested to prepare visas for all names on the list except Eric Bert and have them available to be picked up in Paris, France. By this means, the four additional members of the delegation who are selected would be able to pick up their visas and proceed directly without delay to Moscow, and perhaps arrive before the desired date.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81) DATE: 4/3/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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O.O. New York

Re New York tel to Director, 3/26/61, captioned "SOLO, IS-C".

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE ENCLOSED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a possible delegation of CP, USA member to Moscow, Russia, May Day, 1961. Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being designated to those offices receiving copies of this letter.

2 - Bureau (Encls.8)(RM)
1 - Baltimore (Encl.1)(RM)
1 -100-10584 (JACOB GREEN)
1 - Cleveland (Encl.1)(RM)
1 - 100-222 (EDWARD CHAKA)
1 - Detroit (Encl.1)(RM)
1 - 100-8482 (TOMMY DENNIS)
1 - Los Angeles (Encl.1)(RM)
1 - 100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
1 - Milwaukee (Encl.1)(RM)
1 - 100-4 (FRED BLAIR)
1 - Minneapolis (Encl.1)(RM)
1 - 100-371 (SAM DAVIS)
10- New York (Encls.10)(RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-25623 (ERIC BERT)
1 - 100-56 (MICHAEL DAVIDOW)
1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
1 - 100-118174 (MILTON ROSEN) H.QUINN
1 - 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - International Relations)
1 - 100- (Possible Delegation of CP, USA members to Moscow, Russia, May Day, 1961)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)

1 - Philadelphia (Encls.1)(RM)
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
5 - Chicago
1 - A)134-46
1 - 100-24800 (LOUIS DISKIN)
1 - 100-3313 (JACK KLING)
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The information in the enclosed letterhead memorandum was orally furnished on March 28, 1961 by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs RICHARD W. HANSEN and JERRY H. BREIDENFELD.

On March 29, 1961, CG 5824-S* advised SA HANSEN that information relating to the names being considered as participants in the delegation to Moscow, Russia and the request for the preparation of visas for their travel to the USSR will be transmitted by NY 694-S* through ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG to the Russians on March 30 or 31, 1961, if the necessary arrangements can be completed.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential since it contains information from an extremely highly placed source which if disclosed, could seriously jeoparidze the continued future effectiveness of this source and also effect the national security interests of the U.S. The letterhead memorandum is being shown as being made at Washington, D.C., in order to further protect the identity of this source.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637-Sub A) DATE: 4/4/61

FROM: SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

SUBJECT: SOLO
IS-C

1-NY 134-91	(INV.) (41)
1-NY 65-17696	(TRACING OF AMERICAN MONEY USED BY SOVIETS IN ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS) (34)
1-NY 100-129629	(WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1-NY 100-32826	(JAMES ALLEN) (415)
1-NY 100-80532	(HERBERT APTHEKER) (415)
1-NY 100-56579	(PHILIP BART) (415)
1-NY 100-25623	(ERIK BERT) (415)
1-NY 101-559	(JESUS COLON) (415)
1-NY 100-106126	(MIKE CRENOVICH) (424)
1-NY 100-23825	(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-1696	(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-93665	(MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1-NY 100-13483	(BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-NY 100-13473	(SIMON GERSON) (415)
1-NY 100-84994	(GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-16785	(JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY 100-91330	(HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (415)
1-NY 100-16021	(ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1-NY 100-105078	(HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1-NY 100-79025	(MILDRED MC ADORY) (414)
1-NY 100-84275	(WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
1-NY 100-48033	(IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-95550	(PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (414)
1-NY 100-64074	(NATHAN ROSENBLUTH) (42)
1-NY 100-18065	(JACOB STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-15946	(JAMES TORMEY) (422)
1-NY 100-26018	(LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-NY 100-9595	(WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY 100-74560	(CPUSA-FUNDS) (415)
1-NY 100-124637-Sub A	(41)

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For several years past the Soviets have been transmitting to the CPUSA, through NY 694-S and CG 5824-S, large sums of money. The informants make this money available to the NYO, which records serial numbers, etc., on bills received from the Soviets, and checks the same against lists of currency issued to Soviet establishments in NYC and Washington, D.C.

By letter dated 3/9/61, under the caption "SOLO; IS-C," the Bureau instructed that every effort be made to trace some of the currency expended by members of the Communist Party directly to the funds obtained by the Party from abroad, commensurate with the security of our informants.

By letter dated 3/27/61, the Bureau issued the following supplemental instructions with regard to this matter:

"While it is not desired nor is it necessary to trace all the currency involved, you should make every effort to obtain specific evidence of three or four instances where money funneled into the Communist Party, USA, through this source is later used in the furtherance of Communist Party business and activity. Under no circumstances should you take any action which would jeopardize our informants, but you should be alert when the proper opportunity arises to secure the desired evidence. You should not consider interviewing landlords, restaurant employees, bar keepers or others but should watch for opportunities when communist functionaries are buying airplane, railroad, or bus tickets, or are spending money in other places where they are obviously not known, and contacts by your Agents could not in any way jeopardize the security of our informants."

In order to comply with the above Bureau instructions, it will be necessary that established sources be alerted to

furnish promptly any information reflecting that CP functionaries are likely to spend money for any of the purposes mentioned in the referenced Bureau letter.

Further, upon receipt of information that a CP top functionary plans to travel, or to expend money in behalf of the CP, it will be incumbent upon the Agent handling such top functionary to trace currency used by the said top functionary for the aforesaid purpose into the hands of a payee, provided this can be done without jeopardizing the security of our informants. Obviously, if the payee is a CP contact, or someone likely to furnish information to the CP, no attempt should be made to contact such a person.

In connection with the currency tracing operation, it should be noted that money from the Soviets has been transmitted to the CPUSA usually in $10 and $20 bills, and only on a few occasions in bills of greater denomination. Such money has been made a matter of record in the NYO.

If, as a result of a surveillance, a CP functionary is observed passing currency to a payee who may be approached with full security, the Agent should request that the payee permit him to examine this currency. The Agent need not concern himself with bills in denominations smaller than $10 since no record of such bills is kept in the NYO.

Upon examination of the currency, the following should be noted and recorded: the type of currency - whether Federal Reserve Note, Silver Certificate, US Note, or National Bank Note; serial number (including any letter prefix or suffix in addition to the actual serial number; series number (including any letter suffix such as series 1950A); and denomination. This information should be submitted to the NYO by memorandum under the caption of the pertinent case file with copies for the case file entitled "Tracing of American Money Used By Soviets in Espionage Operations - Espionage - R," file #65-17696, handled by SA MERRILL REESE on Section #34, and for the case file entitled, "SOLO; IS-C," file #100-134637-Sub A, handled by SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on Section #41. The memorandum should include a request that

the serial numbers on the currency passed by the CP functionary be checked against the list of currency furnished to the CPUSA by the Soviets through NY 694-S or CG 5824-S. Section #34 maintains a card index of this currency.

The result of this check of the questioned currency should be furnished in memorandum form to the case Agent and to the Agent handling "SOLO; IS-C" by the Agent handling the case entitled, "Tracing of American Money Used by Soviets in Espionage Operations."

It should be noted that for the protection of our informants no information regarding a money tracing operation should be included in the investigative section of a report.

It should be further noted that letters to the Bureau regarding currency checks as above described will be sent under the caption of "SOLO; IS-C."

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[redacted] on 3/20/61, made available a copy of a letter from [redacted] Montana CP District Chairman, to PHIL BART. The copy of the letter is filed as [redacted]

The letter reads as follows:

"P.O.Box 1104
Butte, Montana
March 1, 1961

"Phil Bart
Dear Comrade,

"I have just gotten word that mail sent to me to box 1104, by R.S., has been returned to her. I check that box regularly, so I have no idea why my mail was returned to sender, or maybe I have. Either the people at the post office have decided to give me a bad time or else the feebees have something to do with it. At any rate I am lodgeing a complaint with the postmaster. Will you please pass the word along to continue sending my mail to the above address. If there is any further mishandleing of my mail in the future, I will make arrangements to get my mail at another postoffice.

"Kindest Regards

/s/ [redacted]

"P.S.
"It would be interesting to know what, if any, excuse was given for returning the mail."

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1 - 100-1775 - PHIL BART
1 - [redacted]
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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO : SAC BOSTON (100-7908) 4/7/61
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CPUSA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
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Date of Report 3/21/61

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Brief description of activity or material

Attendance by [redacted] at meeting of District Committee CPUSA, New England District

File where original is located if not attached

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Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Informant's written report follows:

"Tues. March 21, 1961

"On Sun. [redacted] took care of [redacted] two youngest children, [redacted] & [redacted] so that [redacted] could attend a D.C. meeting of the N. E. Communist Party. I believe was held at [redacted]

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1 - [redacted]
1 - 100-24914 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-775 [redacted]
1 - 100-15973 [redacted]
1 - 100-313 [redacted]
1 - 100-509
1 - 100-568
2 - 100
1 - 100-18576 [redacted]
1 - 100-14569 (MRS. [redacted]
1 - 100-12543 [redacted]
1 - 100-33541
1 - 100-33496
1 - 100-34141
1 - 100-926 [redacted]
1 - 100-1597
2 - 100-
1 - 100-20779 (CP - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-31648 (CP COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
1 - 100-20787 (CP - FACTIONALISM
1 - 100-20785 (CP - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - 100-19374 (CP - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)
1 - 100-23165 (CP - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)
1 - 100-26893 (CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
1 - 100-20781 (CP - YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100-18169 (CP - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS

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[redacted] took the Children to [redacted] at 11:30 in the morning and returned them to [redacted] at 6:30 P.M. Also [redacted] invited little [redacted] to join them. b6 b7C b7D

"When [redacted] took the youngsters back, [redacted] was already home. b7D

[redacted] said that they had a very small D.C. meeting. Also that quite a few members had to leave early. So they hadn't eaten until about 2:30. [redacted] said she didn't know what would happen to the D.C. as [redacted] was a very important member and he was leaving soon on a trip. b7D

She said after the others left she and [redacted] & a couple others had stayed for a while longer. b6 b7C b7D

"There had been a couple of people on from N.Y. Phil Bart and another person in charge of youth. The D.C. had been able to accomplish some work. They had gotten [redacted] to agree to start a youth group among the college students since they were living in Cambridge. Also that [redacted] had promised to see what they could do among the teenagers in forming a group. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said there was some discussion about the resolution that [redacted] presented at the Elizabeth G. Flynn meeting. That Homer Chase had written the resolution and [redacted] had read it. They were criticized for presenting it at a meeting where there were other than party people in attendance. Also that they should have given it to the chairman of the E.G.F. committee to determine if it should be read before the group. Since it had been something that would provoke discussion. b6 b7C b7D

"She said [redacted] from Worcester had made a resolution censoring [redacted] for presenting the resolution at the E. G. Flynn meeting, but no one had acted on it mostly because they wanted to avoid any more fighting. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] thanked [redacted] for taking the youngsters saying that next month [redacted] wouldn't need to offer to take the children as the meeting would be at her [redacted] home in [redacted] Also they were going to discuss the business of the Resolution that [redacted] had presented at the E. G. Flynn meeting and the whole Congo situation at the next D.C. meeting. b6 b7C b7D

"[redacted] said she had attended a State House hearing on Wensday with [redacted] There had been many people turn out to protest the erection of a bomb shelter in Mass. [redacted] adn't had anything to say politically or why she hadn't been attending C.P. party meetings. [redacted] said [redacted] never talks about anything to do with the party when she sees her. b6 b7C b7D

"[redacted] came in, and told [redacted] that he and [redacted] had distributed an unemployment leaflet in the West Lynn section that night. b7D

"They also have about 300 more to mail out. [redacted] & [redacted] had previously agreed to mail them out on Tues. Mar. 21, but since there is to be an executive board meeting Thurs. March 23 [redacted] thought it would be better if [redacted] attended the executive board meeting with [redacted] and she & [redacted] did the mailing that night rather than tye up two nights. [redacted] agreed. b7D

"[redacted] said she had said at the D.C. meeting she didn't know how the North Shore could get rid of 500 leaflets. [redacted] had said what can you do. Do the best you can. [redacted] thought we'd have to spend some time building up a mailing list. " b7D

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It is recommended that investigation be conducted of both [redacted] [redacted] in view of their reported intent to form a youth group in furtherance of the Party's Youth Activities. b6 b7C b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bu 100-3-76

New York, New York
April 10, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America-
Youth Matters

On April 7, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of a memorandum of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) sent to members of its National Committee, setting out a version of a report by Herbert Aptheker, a member of that committee, entitled, "Some Notes on Campus Developments in Recent Period."

Aptheker asserts that receptions now for Communist speakers are cordial, interested and well attended, and he cites visits to 17 different universities, from City College in New York, to Iowa State University. However, he notes he has not been invited to a Negro college for about three years.

He says the basic approach to college students and faculty has to be in terms of ideas and arguments concerning the intellectual problems they face. College youth are not committed, and not especially interested in doctrinal controversies. Many youth are surprised at how rational the Communist Party program and Marxist view sound, and at how close to things they want or can understand. There must be no idea conveyed that the Communist Party has all the answers, brains or virtue.

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Aptheker sees enormous opportunities in this area and claims the Communist Party is not doing a hundredth of what can be done. There should be systematic attention given in the way of existing and new literature, and speakers.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80544)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memo concerning a report made by HERBERT APTHEKER to "the Resident Board" of the CPUSA, and forwarded by memorandum by PHIL BART to members of the Party's National Committee. The memorandum is dated 4/1/61. APTHEKER's report is entitled, "Some Notes on Campus Developments in Recent Period."

The confidential source utilized is NY 694-S*, who furnished copies of the memorandum of the CPUSA to SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 4/7/61. One copy of this item is furnished the Bureau for information.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

3-Bureau (100-3-76) (Encl. 9) (RM)
1-New York (100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-80041) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (415)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-11-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THIS HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT. IF THIS INFORMATION IS PLACED IN ANY REPORT IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT CANNOT BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE. IT IS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BELOW QUOTED "MEMORANDUM" IS KNOWN TO ONLY THE SOURCE AND FLYNN AND HAS NOT AS YET BEEN DELIVERED TO ITS INTENDED RECIPIENT.

On April 3, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN dated March 28, 1961, on the letterhead stationery of the Roosevelt Hotel, 1005 S.W. Park Avenue, Portland 5, Oregon, and an enclosed "memorandum" which is referred to therein. These items were photographed by the Chicago Office and the originals returned to the source on April 5, 1961.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 4) (RM)
  1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - Los Angeles (100-26044) (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
8 - New York (Encls. 2) (RM)
  1 - 100-56529 (PHIL BART)
  1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
  1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
  1 - 100- (ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN)
  1 - 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN)
  1 - 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)
  1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
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    1 - 100- (ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN)
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1 - San Francisco (65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (RM)
8 - Seattle (RM) (Encls. 2)
    1 - 100-127 (BURT NELSON)
    1 - 100- (Mrs. BURT NELSON)
    1 - 100- (MILFORD SUTHERLAND)
    1 - 100- (VAN LYDEGRAF)
    1 - 100- (CP, WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
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One copy of the photographs and the negatives are being retained as an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B (196). Two photographs of each of these items are being furnished to the Bureau and one photograph of each of these items are being furnished to New York and Seattle.

The verbatim contents of this letter and the enclosed memorandum are set forth below except for the deletion of minor personal data. Information appearing in the parentheses was supplied by the source on April 3, 1961, as possible aid in interpreting contents of these items.

"March 28
Portland, Ore.

"Dear ....:

"I have sent two memos on Seattle for Gus (HALL) to (PHIL) Bart but I want the enclosed to go as wisely as possible. You can take care of it, I believe. Read it too - you may get involved later in this deal. I hope not. Hold it, if you can't transmit till he comes to Chicago or you get there. Talk it over with Gus. Maybe what I wrote to you before could be the way out. It will be hard to just remove.

"Lovely weather here now - sunny, springlike, flowers everywhere. I have some red cammelias on my desk that a friend picked in her yard. Daffodils and tulips everywhere too. Today I speak at Reed College. Difficulties here are settled amicably, I believe. The old man (NORMAN HAALAND) resigned as chairman and is working hard on P.W. ("Peoples World") drive, at present. He's a good old guy but too leftist for the younger people. And youth is appearing everywhere. Peace marches for Easter are planned here, in Eugene, Seattle and involve students, ministers, church groups, etc. Very promising. There are many struggles over the films 'Operation Abolition' and 'Communism on the Map', all up and down the coast.

"Good news of the Belgium elections. Maybe some of our friends are among the newly elected.

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"Dr. Annette (RUBINSTEIN) is speaking here on her visits to Socialist countries' colleges, universities, etc., not bad, I hear.

"I leave here Thurs. a.m. for San Francisco. Am taking the Daylight Shasta, I do want to see the country. Hope to hear from you there.

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Elizabeth"

"For Gus (HALL)

"Details on Memo #2

"Subjective Manifestations and Reactions

"Dangerous when drinking (BURT NELSON) to excess, wife and daughter came to M. (MILFORD SUTHERLAND ?) once to discuss. Wife wanted to separate over this. Talks of people there wanting to kill him. /Stab him or shoot him/ At convention accused /to his people/ D. of So. C. of plot to kill him. When discussing son - gets highly agitated. Told me an almost unintelligible story of what happened - that Van (VAN LYDEGRAF ?) and others were meeting nearby and boy had shirt on just like Van. It was unclear to me at first, was he 1) accusing Van of complicity or 2) saying boy had been mistaken for Van. Story I got from M. was that boy and friend both about 12 or 13 took a car and set out to find his father. They stopped for gas and stole a pump /I believe/ or something. Garage owner called police who put up road block. Kids drove thru road block and police fired - killing boy. Boy had written him that he had to see him because he had something important to tell him. He connects this with what happened. But instead of trying to calm him down wife chimed in and emphasized about the shirts as if very significant. She does not help. When they were at convention (17th National Convention, CP, USA) - he and wife stayed separately from delegation with Jack and Ruth (SHULMAN). Now he has quarreled with him and won't stay there anymore. Might ask them for details. When delegation arrived at hotel they /he and wife/ came and immediately he began heated argument with M.

in kitchenette that went on for hours. Neither M's wife nor his wife were able to break it up. Big woman from the peninsula told the Bell. (Bellingham) people about it and said he had been drinking heavily. Del. (delegation) was not united with him - as he gave impression at convention. Second big fracas there was about the copies of a resolution which he claimed was snatched away from his wife by an attack by someone, when they were not supposed to be distributed. I got impression that M. and some others are afraid of him. /Not the Bell. folks!/ I believe his wife is afraid of him too. Apparently he has a maniacal temper. He told me, in discussing N.C. vote, that he gets mad, acts on the spur of the moment and later realizes he made a mistake. When he is quiet and good tempered he gets along alright with everyone. There is a lot of sympathy - because of the causes of this state he gets into. He was terribly beaten in a strike in New Orleans - and gets into queer states of apprehension about matters apparently innocent on the surface. A newspaper man phoned him from the Seattle Times saying he also represented News Week. He wanted to see me. He made a big business of it; didn't like the sound of the guy's voice, was sure he was a fake, and was sure he was up to something. When the man said he would go to Tacoma, if necessary, he was sure we were out for trouble in Tacoma. He delayed the man seeing me for several days but finally arranged it. There was nothing to it, that I could see. Just some strange feelings on his part. There are stories of people trying to steal his boathouse and strange phone calls - which could happen of course. He must have agreed with his wife in criticizing M. (MICKEY LIMA) of S.F. going on a trip because he sat there and said nothing. I get the impression that the S. (Seattle) couple have practically taken things over there and he depends a great deal on them, tho he quarrels with them too. Under the guise of keeping him they criticize him quite freely to me, to the point that I pressed two queries: - 1) Why do you think you can 'save him' - without help from the N.O.? and 2) Isn't there a big risk to the organization in all this 'subjectivity' you describe? They admit that on one they are not sure and on two - there is a risk. This is the all out side of the other business /TV/ where he apparently was carried away with big schemes. I feel very sorry for him and wish we could help him. But some way must be found to get him out of that post."

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) 4/11/61

SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN

CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

This memorandum is submitted to fully disseminate the following information furnished to the Bureau by letterhead memo dated 4/7/61. NY 2359-S* was the confidential source utilized.

On April 7, 1961, a Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of leading functionaries of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, on that date. Among those in attendance were:

JACK STACHEL, member of National Committee (NC), CPUSA
WILL WEINSTONE, member of NC, CPUSA
HY LUMER, Educational Director, CPUSA
JIM ALLEN, member of NC, CPUSA
PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
HERBERT APTHEKER, member of NC, CPUSA
BEN DAVIS, National Secretary, CPUSA

JACK STACHEL stated that giving away billions in foreign aid, including military aid, was actually taking money from the pockets of the people and handing it over in the form of profits to the monopolists. This has resulted in the curtailment of production, the lowering of the living

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1-NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY (100-9595) (WILL WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1-NY (100-32826) (JIM ALLEN) (415)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (415)
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standards of the masses, the curtailment of social and cultural needs of the people and has increased the power of the pentagon, increased chauvinism and increased the danger of war. The Party must prove to the people on a massive scale and with a persistence that will break through that the war economy does not only create war danger, but creates a danger to the liberties and livelihood of the people.

According to STACHEL, United States imperialism is declining, but that does not mean that American capitalist production will no longer grow. Communists do not gloat over a crisis caused by capitalism, but Communists do warn the people that capitalism causes crises. STACHEL said the CPUSA must, (1) bring forth a program of struggle on immediate issues to be realized; (2) bring forward more radical measures which can be realized to the degree that the anti-monopoly coalition is built; (3) bring forward education for socialism. He said that the Party must make a distinction that it is not the United States that is in decline, but it is United States imperialism that is declining. He commented that the Party must show that the United States cannot advance as an imperialist country, but can advance as a socialist state.

Speaking with regard to the KENNEDY Administration, STACHEL noted that it must be borne in mind that the KENNEDY Administration policy is a policy of monopoly-capitalism. To forget this is to depart from Marxism and from a working class policy. The question today is not what will KENNEDY do, but rather what can the people make KENNEDY do. STACHEL asserted that thus far, the KENNEDY Administration has shown no departure from the cold war and position of strength although undoubtedly it has shown a more sober approach than did the EISENHOWER Administration.

JIM ALLEN observed that there is developing a situation in the country now, where forces are being formed on "the extreme right." He said this could have the deepest possible effect on the continuation of American foreign policy, even though it might be catastrophic and self-defeating.

ALLEN said that the plans of the socialist world envision a position of absolute superiority with respect to economic growth by 1975 or 1980. He said that one will not have to wait that long before this effect is felt within a framework of declining imperialism and monopoly capitalism.

HY LUMER said that in the Party's estimate there is a need to examine the effect of the process of growing instability and stagnation of American capitalism and the accumulating factors which make it easier for a major crisis to occur. According to LUMER, this process of decay goes back quite a length of time, but was covered up by the Korean War.

HERBERT APTHEKER stated that (President) KENNEDY is building up a fight on discrimination by his executive order while on the other hand, he is organizing a murder of the government (Cuba) that is fighting discrimination. APTHEKER commented that possibly the bourgeoisie realized that the Korean War was a shot in the arm economically and, therefore, may be playing with the idea that another such shot in the arm would be possible and useful involving Cuba. He stated that profit making lies behind this and not freedom. According to APTHEKER, in the struggle against this demagogy, it is necessary for the CPUSA to bring forward socialism more than it is. It should stress the right to choose socialism and the right to build socialism.

JACK STACHEL said that an editorial is being placed in "The Worker" this coming week on Cuba. He did not discuss the text of the editorial.

Discussion followed concerning possibilities for some kind of broad mass opposition to intervention (in Cuba) and it was noted that students and the Negro people are two main sources for action.

PHIL BART suggested that a demonstration in Union Square (New York City) would be a logical form of expression. He also suggested the possibility of a picket line in Washington, D.C., but said this would take longer and, therefore, a demonstration in New York City would be the most suitable for a public action within a short time.

In connection with proposed activities against intervention in Cuba, the suggestion was also made that the Party get out a post card campaign and organize a week end of concentration.

There was discussion concerning the utilization of the ADVANCE Convention "this week end" (April 8-9, 1961) to talk regarding the proposed demonstrations in order to involve that group and other forces in the campaign.

PHIL BART suggested the possibility of a picket line at "the State Department, U. N. Legation right here on Park Avenue and 94th Street."

The suggestion was also made that at the ADVANCE Convention, the possibility of establishing a picket line at the United Nations be taken up.

A subcommittee was set up composed of BEN DAVIS and PHIL BART to work with the New York District in order to finalize plans for any demonstrations which could be organized in connection with this matter.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-86) DATE: 4/12/61

FROM : SAC, NY (100-81675)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On [redacted] advised of a discussion held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, NYC, on that date. Among those present were: PHIL BART, [redacted] The discussion was concerned with the format for a new Party publication. The substance of the remarks of those present follows: b7D

2 - Bureau (100-3-86)(RM)
2 - Chicago (RM)
3 - Los Angeles (RM)
(1- 100-) [redacted]
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-9595) [redacted] (415)
1 - NY (100-1696) [redacted] (415) b7D
1 - NY (105-20537) [redacted] (415)
1 - NY (100-93651) [redacted] (414)
1 - NY (100-32826) [redacted] (415)
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Supposing it (the publication) comes out in January, April 1, July 1, and October 1, - Maybe we can have a cover similar to the one we developed for "Party Voice".... possibly a colored cover. We will have to figure out a new name. Since it is a quarterly, each issue should center on one of the central issues of the Party such as "peace" or "unemployment." If an issue gets hot such as Cuba, we will make it a Cuban issue. The rest of the issue could be devoted to work, experience, activity, press, club activity, activity of state leadership.

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Housing is important all around the country. We can always get material from clubs engaged in housing. We can get articles from Chicago and California as to what they are doing on housing.

PHIL BART: We should make the next issue a "plans" issue and ask every district in the next three months to send us their "plans". We can ask Los Angeles because we have an Org. person there..... [redacted] We can get from them some of the work from some of their clubs for example work in connection with the Mexican community. We can ask NY (District) for something on the East Side..... their relationship with [redacted]..... that is the "Lower East Neighborhood Association. b7D

[redacted] How about [redacted] work? Let's ask [redacted] for a piece on her tour. b7D

PHIL BART: In less than three months, she spoke at 22 meetings attended by 1600 people. That does not include Carnegie Hall. Including Carnegie Hall, she spoke to a total of nearly 2500 people.

On "peace" put Chicago down. They have done some good work there.

[redacted] How about the agenda of clubs? If there is a good club that knows how to run a meeting well, it would be a good one to state its experiences and problems concerning the agenda for the meetings. b7D

PHIL BART: We can have a piece on experiences in reorganizing. We will also have to figure out the kind of drawings and cartoons we want. Let's write down possible names (for the publication). "Organizer"; "Contact"; "Spur"; "Now"; "How."

It should be noted that on [redacted] advised that [redacted] was apparently introducing [redacted] at CP Headquarters. At the time, [redacted] commented "let me say, [redacted] that [redacted] has a long record of activity and at various times was Field Organizer in the 30's and he is in a trade which sets up these things on type, but because of his night work and out of town work he can't..... but nonetheless when I was Educational Director downstairs, he became executive editor to get out 'Party Voice' which was crudely interrupted by vulgar people." b7D

[redacted] who used to be secretary to [redacted] also used to work with us. He is now working with us getting out reviews of books. In other words, we are trying to re-establish the same committee on a higher level. We got out the last issue. I am in favor of setting up an Editorial Committee for this magazine. I would be in favor of [redacted] handling it. b7D

Chicago and Los Angeles are requested to be alert for any information they may receive concerning the identity of the new publication being considered by the Party.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) April 12, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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On April 7, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with a letter dated April 5, 1961, and addressed "To All Districts" and issued over the name of PHIL BART.

Enclosed with this letter was a three-page memorandum entitled, "Unite for Peace, Jobs, and Equal Rights - Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of May Day."

This material had been mailed from the New York Office, CP, USA, and received by the source on April 7, 1961.

The above items were photostated by the Chicago Office and two photostats of each are being furnished herewith for the Bureau and New York. One photostat of these items is being furnished to San Francisco. The original has been retained by Chicago and has been made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(202).

The cover letter referred to above reflected that its enclosed three-page mimeographed memorandum was to be issued as a May Day statement in a leaflet by the CP, USA, and that it had been proposed that it also be printed by each district. It then went on to reflect the following:

2-Bureau (Enc. 4)(RM)
3-New York (Enc. 4)(RM)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100-81675 (CP, USA - Pamphlets and Publications)
2-San Francisco (Enc. 2)(RM)
(1-100-27747 (CP, Northern District of California - Organization)
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"In view of the fact that many districts cannot print the necessary quantity, we would suggest:

"1. East Coast: Should arrange to order directly through the national office which will then add this to New York's printing.

"2. Midwest: We would suggest that arrangements be made for printing through Chicago.

"3. West Coast: Arrangements should be made either through one center (possibly San Francisco) or each district may print their own."

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO : SAC (100-18969) DATE: 3/31/61

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SUBJECT: CP - [redacted]
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Date of Report: 2/26/61

Date(s) of activity: [redacted] b7D

Brief description of activity or material

Enlarged meeting, [redacted]

CPUSA, [redacted]

File where original is located if not attached: [redacted] b7D

Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant who had furnished reliable information in the past.

Informant's written report follows:

1-New Haven (100-2254) [redacted] (RM)

4-New York (RM) b7D
(100-1696 [redacted]
(100-56579 PHILIP BART)
(100-84994 [redacted]
(100-80641 CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)

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"Feb. 26, 1961

"On [redacted] there was an enlarged [redacted] section meeting of the N. E. Communist Party held at the home of [redacted] b7D

"Those attending were as follows: [redacted] who arrived late. b6 b7C b7D

"Agenda was as follows:

"Dues
Literature
Negro work (housing - clothes, etc. for Freedom Village)
Report of E.G.Flynn coming reception
Uphaus - DeGregory
D. C. Report (Cuba - Fair Play) b7D
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"Dues were paid by [redacted] distributed literature: - Jan. P.A., - Jewish Life, and December issue of World Marxist Review which contains a Communique on the meeting of Representatives of the Communist & Workers Parties, also An Appeal to the Peoples of All the World from the meeting of Representatives of the Communist & Workers Parties, Moscow, November 1960. b7D

[redacted] gave the D. C. Report, saying there were plans to publish a pamphlet on Cuba soon.

"There had been a check up on the book store. [redacted] had gone to the store thinking he might recover a chair he'd donated. Someone else had gone with him and they had found the place locked up. Also no rent had been paid so the D. C. was sure we didn't have a book store. b7D

"There had been some discussion on Rockwell who had picketed the Movie Exodus in Boston; and we should try to find out how he had permission to picket in Boston and what was behind it - (influences, people, etc.).

"Also we had to learn more about and protest the ex-Nazi who has a Nato position and is scheduled to go to Washington in April.

"There had been a Nat. Com. member - BART - at the D.C. who had reported that the N.C. hailed the 81 Party Conference and Gus Hall made a speech which would be published and Hall would issue (or the party) an outline of the 81 Party Conf. which we could use in discussion. This outline would tie the 81 Part. Conf. into the 'party line.'

[redacted] reported that there was some discussion on the need for better check up and control within the party. b7D

"Also that we needed to pay more attention to the unemployment situation in the U. S.

[redacted] said we would have a registration drive and reregister members and try to win back some of our old members. (Also new people). The party was forming a 'peace commission' (I believe he said headed by Weinstock). That there was to be published a book of Marxism-Leninism in one volume. There were 50 copies ordered for the N.E. District. b7D

[redacted] was asked to report on the D. C. She said [redacted] had covered it good. Besides she hadn't felt well that day and hadn't taken any notes. b7D

[redacted] asked if there had been any report, from the Nat. Com. man present, on Homer Chase. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said yes. That Bart had reported that Homer Chase was removed from the Nat. Com. and put on probation for a period of six months. b7D

[redacted] said in giving up the book store there were valid reasons for it. One was it was a poor location, also there wasn't funds for it. Previous experience in the party had been that a book store always operated at a loss and the deficit had to be made up by the district. The district was in no position to do so at this time. Later on we might have a book store but in a different location. Also someone would have to register as a foreign agent in order to handle some books. b7D

[redacted] said, first of all, he wanted to go on record as being opposed to closing the book store, and also that particular store and location. Then he wanted to ask b6 b7C b7D

"some questions. One was did the Nat. Com. members present at the D. C. give any reasons for Homers removal and if not why not. And if he did why wasn't Lew reporting it. (He [redacted] understood there was also a member of the N. E. District [redacted] the N. C. meeting in N. Y. with Homer [redacted]). Also [redacted] asked what probation meant. And had Homers position on the N. C. been filled by anyone else? b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said the reason for Homers removal had been published in the Worker. That so far as he knew Homers position on the N.C. hadn't been filled. There was one other position on the N.C. created by someone's death that had been filled. But he didn't think Homer's had been and he hadn't heard of any plans to fill it. He supposed Probation meant that Homer would have to be careful. Not distribute any anti-party literature, not work against the Nat. Com. and party policy, etc., and things like that. He assumed that was what probation would mean. b7D

[redacted] reported that he had taken our donation to Mr. [redacted] in Lynn and that the Lynn N.A.A.C.P. was now collecting clothing for Freedom Village. Any warm clothing was really needed. b7D

[redacted] said they hadn't discussed the housing situation with anyone as yet because they couldn't get together. b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] if he thought he could set up a meeting with [redacted] an[redacted] to discuss housing in relation to Negroes in Lynn. (This he was supposed to do before) along with [redacted] said he would try. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said he had been talking to the [redacted] and they had discussed the [redacted] case. [redacted] had said that DeGregory felt he'd been abandoned and [redacted] wondered if we could run a fund raising affair for him. He was desperately in need of funds. DeGregory's lawyer wouldn't even make a phone call unless he got paid for it. Also he kept track of any time he spent on the case right down to the minute and [redacted] was charged for it. b7D

[redacted] reported [redacted] would offer her house for a party if we wanted to sponsor such an affair. b7D

[redacted] said he understood Hugo's lawyer didn't want Hugo to have anything to do with the party and Hugo went along with it. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said Hugo had gone from lawyer to lawyer and finally had got this [redacted] to take his case. It wasn't as if we had a lawyer in N. H. b6 b7C b7C

"Hugo's case was being tried in N. H. and he had to use a N. H. lawyer and [redacted] was the only one who would take his case. DeGregory either had to use him, or accept a court appointed lawyer who could be worse than none at all. Hugo had to pay some attention to the way his lawyer wanted to conduct the case. But [redacted] didn't think the Party should completely abandon the guy. His case was running much longer than was expected. [redacted] had wondered if now the [redacted] case was over, if it would be possible to get some of his committee to work on fund raising for Hugo. [redacted] wondered if we wanted to do anything. [redacted] made a motion that the D. C. be instructed to formulate some policy on DeGregory's case and that we wait until the D. C. had a policy before we make plans that could conflict with their policy. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said she didn't think the Uphaus case was over entirely, and also we spent a lot of time wondering how to win back some of our former members, but we seldom helped support the things they were interested in. That DeGregory was in the position he was in because at one time he was one of us and we shouldn't forget that. If we didn't or couldn't help him financially some way we ought to go hang our heads in shame. [redacted] said she should see [redacted] about the E. G. Flynn affair, but she actually hated to go and ask her for a donation. If we'd done something for DeGregory whom [redacted] are interested in, it would be easier to approach them when we needed their support on something. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said if the comrade felt so strongly about it she could do something as an individual if she wanted to. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said the Uphaus case wasn't over. Powell (N.H.) has threatened to arrest him (Uphaus) if he ever sets foot in N. H. again. b7D

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"[redacted] gave a report on the Elizabeth G. Flynn reception to be held Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, saying there were about 200 people expected to attend.

"She said like so many of our affairs this had a dual purpose. That of hearing about E. G. Flynn's trip to the Socialist countries and getting a first hand report. And that of raising money for the fund drive. The Party was badly in need of funds, and she asked the group what they thought the North Shore could raise. Then she suggested that in the past we had made pledges and tried to raise the amount. [redacted] pledged $10.00; [redacted] pledged $10.00, of which she'd already given Millie $5.00; [redacted] pledged $20.00; [redacted] said he'd give something but couldn't say how much; [redacted] said he'd give something; [redacted] said she'd pledge $5.00. [redacted] didn't pledge anything so [redacted] asked him if he wouldn't like to make a pledge so that all the money from the North Shore could go in as one contribution.

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"[redacted] said no he wasn't going to make a pledge at this time.

"In the discussion around the DeGregory case the group agreed that [redacted] should see [redacted] and try to arrange a meeting with Hugo D. in order to get a clearer picture of his case and circumstances and to feel him out on his desires so far as the party (C.P) is concerned.

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"There was some discussion on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee forming in Lynn. [redacted] said he'd been to one meeting. [redacted] said they had gotten in touch with him.

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[redacted] said he'd been to the first meeting held in Boston and had given $5.00 and thus became a member.

"We were supposed to discuss the 81 Party conference at this meeting. However, due to the fact that we expect an outline on it soon we decided not to hold a real discussion on it until we receive the outline. There was comment on it by [redacted] to the affect that there really wasn't anything new in it.

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[redacted] commented that the one thing that struck her was that in spite of differences among the delegates, the decisions were unanimous and there was great unity among the Socialist countries represented there. b7D

"Next meeting to be held at [redacted] in Beverly March 2, 1961." b7D

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76) April 12, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33745)

CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS
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On April 6, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a two-page mimeographed item mailed from the National Office, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), and received April 6, 1961.

This item was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original returned to the source on April 7, 1961. One photostat has been made an exhibit by the Chicago Office and is located in Chicago file 100-33745-1A40.

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

This item bears the heading, "Note to Members of the National Committee" and is shown as having been issued over the name of PHIL BART and reflects that the Resident Board, CP, USA, would send out memoranda based on reports to its meetings on various subjects and that set forth therein was one such memorandum dealing with "developments on the campus."

There then followed under the heading, "Some Notes on Campus Developments in recent period" what appears to be

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4-New York (Enc. 2)(RM)
(1-100-80532 (HERBERT APTHEKER)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100-80664 (CP, USA - Youth Matters)
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a summary of a report presented by HERBERT APTHEKER and setting forth his observations in regard to current problems and opportunities with youth on the college campuses.

NY-112

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 13 APR 1961

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 2/27/61, that the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

DATE	ENTERED	DEPARTED	OBSERVED BY SAS
3/16 /61	X	X	WILLIAM J. BARRON
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3/22 /61	X	X	
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A log covering the above surveillance is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY - 4/3 - 4/9/61
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4/3/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, discussed the painting of their apartment which was to be done in the near future. CONNIE suggested that the subject ask LOUIE (WEINSTOCK) if he possibly might be able to obtain someone to do the job for them. Subject said that he did not want to do this as he did not believe in asking the comrade for a favor. CONNIE answered that she did not want the job done more cheaply but just better. Subject commented that "Communist businessmen are businessmen first and Communists second, you can't mix ideals and business."

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had been contacted by BOB THOMPSON and questioned if the subject had been by THOMPSON's residence and had left a note. Subject stated he had not and was unable to furnish any further information about the identity of the note writer. THOMPSON said that he had been working "odd jobs" and that he would like to see the subject later in the week regarding a problem he has.

4/4/61

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the National Board of the CP, USA, which had been held at CP Headquarters on that date. (NY airtel to the Director, 4/7/61, captioned "CP, USA - ORGANIZATION").

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had discussed the National Board meeting that day and commented that they are trying to cut down on the meetings and streamline the procedure. He commented that JACK STACHEL had proposed someone be given the leadership of the National Women's Commission.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted CLARENCE HATHAWAY and they had discussed personal matters, including the condition of HATHAWAY's wife, VERA. CLARENCE said that VERA was still in the hospital, but that she would be coming home sometime the following week. Subject and HATHAWAY then made an appointment to meet each other towards the end of the week.

4/6/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject related to his wife the activities which had taken place at a CP Club meeting that night in Manhattan. He said that he was very pleased with the meeting and with the content of the discussions, as well as the activities of the membership, so that in the future he is going to try to attend more of these club meetings if he can spare the time.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted IRVING POTASH and they made arrangements to meet the following morning in an Automat cafeteria for a discussion.

4/7/61

[redacted] advised that the subject had been in attendance on that date at a meeting of leading functionaries of the CP, USA, which had been held at National Headquarters. Part of this meeting was taken up with a discussion of what the NY State CP, as well as the National Office, should do in regard to activities to protest the latest US intervention in Cuban affairs. A subcommittee, composed of BEN DAVIS and the subject, was set up to work with the NY District for the purpose of finalizing plans for any demonstration which would be organized in connection with this matter. (NY airtel to the Director, 4/7/61, captioned "CP, USA - ORGANIZATION").

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NY 2858-S* advised that the subject had stated that he expected to go to New Haven on Saturday, 4/8/61, on official business. (NY teletype to the Director and New Haven, 4/7/61).

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject complained to his wife about the attitude of HY LUMER at the National Office which he described as very nasty. He then related a story which involved the subject purchasing tickets for a banquet in honor of JESSICA ABT. He said that LUMER had demanded an extra ticket for his wife, EDITH, when he actually knew there weren't enough to go around and that most of the others, including himself, were not taking their wives.

BART then spoke to his wife about his going to Connecticut on Saturday and they made plans to go out socially that evening when he returned.

4/8/61

The subject was observed leaving NY on the 10:00 a.m. train for New Haven (SAS of the FBI).

4/9/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject mentioned to his wife that he had seen SID RESNICK in New Haven the previous day and that their discussion had been very profitable. He said that the young people up there were doing some good thinking and coming up with some new ideas.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted BILL ALBERTSON and spoke with him regarding the death of the mother of MARY KAUFMAN. They also discussed various possibilities as to activities during the coming week regarding a protest at the UN or the US Delegation to the UN. (Apparently in reference to the meeting at CP Headquarters, 4/7/61).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427536) DATE: 4/14/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-133884)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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ReBulets, 2/6/59, 7/2/59, and 12/30/59.

Set forth is a composite intelligence summary concerning members of the National Committee (NC), CP, USA, prepared in accordance with instructions contained in relets.

Part I contains a listing of NC members in alphabetical order together with information as to (1) factional adherence, (2) district or section which the member represents, (3) ideological and/or organization interests and (4) special interest in any phase of Party work.

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1 - Cleveland (100-23485)(RM)
1 - Chicago (100-34488)(RM)
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1 - Indianapolis (100-11754)(RM)
1 - Los Angeles (100-55880)(RM)
1 - Minneapolis (100-11490)(RM)
1 - Milwaukee (100-13213)(RM)
1 - Newark (100-43383)(RM)
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1 - New York (100-56579)(PHILIP BART)(415)
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1 - New York (101-559)(JESUS COLON)(415)
1 - New York (100-106126)(MICHAEL AARON CRENOVICH)(42)
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1 - New York (100-84994)(GUS HALL)(415)
1 - New York (100-5106)(CLARENCE HATHAWAY)(414)
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1 - New York (100-91330)(HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)(415)
1 - New York (100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(415)
1 - New York (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
1 - New York (100-95550)(PAUL ROBESON, JR.)(414)
1 - New York (100-64074)(NAT ROSENBLUTH)(42)
1 - New York (100-18065)(JACOB STACHEL)(415)
1 - New York (100-13483)(BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)(414)
1 - New York (100-15946)(JAMES TORMEY)(415)
1 - New York (100-26018)(LOUIS WEINSTOCK)(415)
1 - New York (100-9595)(WILLIAM WEINSTONE)(415)
1 - New York (100-128255)(MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN)(415)

Part II briefly outlines factional struggles and/or indications of factionalism in the various CP Districts which either directly or indirectly involve the NC member(s) in the district.

Part III is a miscellaneous listing of certain background habits, health and personal factors which might possibly be considered in counter-intelligence matters.

It should be noted that portions of information set forth below have been furnished by highly placed informants, and caution should be exercised in the dissemination of any of this material, in order to insure the protection of these sources.

Information set forth concerning the identities of the persons on the CP National Board, is the most definite information received to date relative to the identities of persons associated with that body.

PART I

ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

ALBERTSON is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. At a meeting of the NY District CP Board, 2/2/61, ALBERTSON was elected Chairman of the CP Youth Commission. In addition, ALBERTSON holds the position of Chairman of the Food Club of the Industrial Division of the NY State CP. ALBERTSON has, for the past several weeks been employed by International Publishers, Incorporated, NYC.

APTHEKER, HERBERT

APTHEKER is an at large member of the NC. In addition, he serves as Director of the NY School for Marxist Studies, 853 Broadway, NYC. He also continues to function as Editor of the publication, "Political Affairs". GUS HALL has recently stated that it appears that APTHEKER is using his position on "Political Affairs", for his own advancement, and that the material of others that he was putting in the publication was very sloppy. HALL also placed the responsibility for the delayed publication of "Political Affairs" on APTHEKER.

At the February meeting of the NY District CP Board, APTHEKER was elected a member of the Youth Commission of the NY CP District, and named to the Special Organizational Commission of the District.

APTHEKER, in addition to his other CP duties, also serves as a member of the Board of Editors of "Mainstream".

AUERBACH, SOLOMAN

AUERBACH is an at large member of the NC, who is commonly known as JAMES ALLEN.

ALLEN, on 3/10/61, returned to the United States from an extended trip abroad. During this trip, ALLEN visited Russia.

On 3/23/61, at a meeting of CP functionaries, held at CP headquarters, NYC, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, requested that he be given a six months leave of absence from his duties, in order to arrange his personal affairs, in the event that he has to go to prison as a result of the Supreme Court ruling in the Labor - Management Relations Act case against him. A motion was made by GUS HALL during the course of this meeting to replace LUMER with JIM ALLEN.

ALLEN, however, has not assumed LUMER's duties to date, and it appears that LUMER will not take a leave of absence.

ALLEN, since his return from Europe, has also been made head of the Latin American Commission of the CP, USA.

BART, PHILIP

BART is an at large member of the NC and continues to hold the title of National Organization Secretary. BART is reportedly a member of the Latin-American Commission and Special Organizational Commission of the NY CP District. In addition, he has been assigned, together with JACK STACHEL and BETTY GANNETT to the task of arranging for a skeleton underground operation for the CP. He continues to be most active in the day to day operation of the CP, USA National Office.

As a result of a decision made at the CP, USA National Executive Committee meeting held on 3/9 and 10/61, at CP headquarters, NYC, a CP National Board was formed to replace the CP, USA Secretariat. Information received indicates that PHILIP BART is apparently a member of this National Board.

BERT, ERIK

BERT is an at large member of the NC, and continues to function as Managing Editor of "The Worker".

BERT departed from the United States on 3/23/61, to attend an Economic Conference to be held by the "World Marxist Review" in Prague, Czechoslovakia. This conference is to continue for ten days after which time BERT is scheduled to travel to Leipzig, German People's Republic, where during the period 4/5 - 11/61, he will attend a conference on "New Imperialism". After this conference is terminated, BERT is scheduled to travel to Moscow, USSR.

BERT received permission from GUS HALL to make this trip.

BLAIR, FRED

BLAIR represents the Wisconsin District on the NC and continues to hold the position of Chairman of the CP of Wisconsin.

On 2/23/61, GUS HALL met with BLAIR in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at which time HALL discussed with BLAIR the possibility of closing Mary's Book Store, which BLAIR operates at 530 West State Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. HALL suggested that BLAIR, with the help of a subsidy from the National Office, CP, USA, in the amount of $1,000.00, consider assuming the responsibility of being full-time CP Organizer. By this method, it was felt that BLAIR would be able to carry out activities which would be beneficial to the CP of Wisconsin. HALL stated that he planned to return to the Midwest and would further discuss this plan with BLAIR.

BLUM, EMANUEL

BLUM represents the Indiana District on the NC and is Chairman of the Indiana Party.

It has been reported that certain members of the CP of Indiana are disgusted with BLUM's role in the National Steel Commission CP, USA. One CP member stated that BLUM should be replaced by someone, who knows something about the steel mills. It was further stated that BLUM is completely uninformed in this area.

CHAKA, EDWARD

CHAKA represents the Ohio District on the NC and is a member of the State Board of the Ohio CP.

CHAKA continues to be one of the top CP leaders in Ohio, and is a member of the Ohio State CP Committee and CP State Board.

CHILDS, MORRIS

CHILDS represents the Missouri - Kansas District on the NC. He was elected to the NC at the 17th National Convention, CP, USA, under the name C. MARTIN.

According to information received, CHILDS is an "ex-officio" member of the newly created National Board.

CHILDS was recently approached by JAMES WEST, Executive Secretary, CP of Illinois, on the question of CHILDS' devoting more time in the future to the Illinois District. CHILDS was apparently not too interested in entering the local CP picture, and indicated dissatisfaction with the present leadership of the CP in Illinois.

COLON, JESUS

COLON is an at large member of the NC and continues to write a weekly column for "The Worker". COLON recently gave a series of lectures on the Cuban Revolution at the NY School for Marxist Studies. He continues to exhibit strong interest in the Cuban situation and the work of the CP among the Puerto Ricans.

CRENOVICH, MICHAEL AARON

CRENOVICH is a member of the NC representing the NY District. He is reportedly a member of the Latin-American Commission of the NY CP District. CRENOVICH attends meetings of the NY District CP Board and is active in the Industrial Division of the CP.

At a meeting of the CP functionaries held in March, 1961, it was suggested that a committee be formed for the purpose of studying and amending the CP, USA constitution. CRENOVICH was recommended by one of the persons in attendance for membership on this committee but GUS HALL set aside this recommendation by stating that CRENOVICH has not displayed a responsible attitude.

DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., JR.

DAVIS is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of CP, USA National Secretary. DAVIS was recently selected as a member of the National Board, CP, USA.

During the afternoon, on 2/15/61, DAVIS appeared in a picket line demonstration outside the UN protesting the death of Congolese leader PATRICE LUMUMBA. DAVIS was interviewed by the press, and was lead from the demonstration by the police. In discussing this incident, DAVIS admitted that he had appeared in the picket line, which line he mistakingly believed to be of some "progressive force", but in reality was composed of Negro nationalists from Harlem. DAVIS received considerable notoriety as a result of this incident and in some CP quarters was criticized for his participation with these Negro nationalists.

DAVIS, SAMUEL KRASS

DAVIS represents the Minnesota - Dakota District of the NC, and is Secretary of that District. DAVIS is the only paid functionary of the CP District, and is in complete control of the Party machinery in this District. DAVIS continued to closely follow the CP line set forth by GUS HALL.

DAVIS has shown interest in the past in organizing a CP youth group in Minneapolis and the first meeting of a series of Marxist classes for young people was scheduled for 2/4/61. The meeting attracted nine persons, but no subsequent classes or meetings have been held, and DAVIS has tended to let slide all real effort to organize a CP youth group since that time.

It also appears that DAVIS and his wife may be comtemplating travel to Finland and Russia, possibly in connection with a tour to be sponsored or organized by the newspaper, "Tyomies". DAVIS has thus far been secretive about taking this trip, and is now attempting to secure a passport.

DAVIS continues to spend two or three afternoons a week in "The Worker" Office in downtown Minneapolis and is more frequently at his home during the day. He also make periodic trips to Duluth, the Iron Range, and other parts of Northern Minnesota on CP business.

DENNIS, THOMAS DE WITT, JR.

DENNIS is a member of the NC representing the Michigan District and also holds the positions of Executive Secretary and Organizational Secretary of the Michigan District.

DENNIS although actively participating in national and local CP activities, reportedly has refused to work full -time for the CP because of his wife's objections.

DOBBS, BEN

DOBBS represents the Southern California District of the CP on the NC and holds the position of Executive Secretary of that District.

DOBBS was seheduled to enter the hospital on 3/23/61, for an operation on his throat. Doctors have warned DOBBS that his condition could lead to cancer.

FLYNN, ELIZABETH GURLEY

FLYNN is an at large member of the NC and was recently elected to fill the position of National Chairman vacated by the death of EUGENE DENNIS. FLYNN has also been elected to membership on the CP, USA National Board. FLYNN gave the principal address at a Midwest meeting celebrating the 37th Anniversary of "The Worker" held on 1/27/61. She described her recent eight month trip through the socialist countries of Europe stating that she had visited five countries. FLYNN was poetic in her description of the new cities which had been built since Communism took over. In her conclusion, FLYNN said she hoped that everyone present would join her in the fight to convert this country to Communism.

FLYNN is presently on a two month trip to the West Coast, making speeches regarding her trip abroad.

FRIEDLANDER, MIRIAM

FRIEDLANDER is a member of the NC, representing the NY District and continues to hold the title of Bronx County Organizer. FRIEDLANDER regularly attends meetings of the NY District CP Board.

FRIEDLANDER had anticipated being appointed as head of the CP Defense Committee, the position to which ARNOLD JOHNSON has recently been appointed. FRIEDLANDER since learning that she will not receive this position, has been attempting to obtain full-time employment outside the CP.

GERSON, SIMON

GERSON is an at large member of the NC. He reportedly has been made a member of the Political Action and Legislative Commission of the NY CP District . GERSON continues to be active in his employment with Afton Tours, NYC.

GREEN, JACOB

GREEN is a member of the NC representing the Maryland District. He continues to be active in CP affairs among Negroes in the Baltimore area.

HAALAND, NORMAN

HAALAND is a member of the NC representing the Oregon District.

HAALAND, as a result of charges by an Oregon CP State Board member, accusing him of an anti-Party position and anti-leadership, was ordered to appear for trial before the Trial Committee of the CP of Oregon on 1/15/61. As a result of this meeting, HAALAND on 3/3/61, agreed to resign his position as Oregon State CP Chairman. This resignation automatically removed him from membership on the Oregon CP State Board but did not effect his membership on the NC, since he was elected to membership on the NC, by that committee.

HALL, FLORA

HALL is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District.

HALL, in January and February, 1961, continued to be active in handling the registration of individual CP members in the Illinois CP District. She also remains most active in handling the daily affairs of the CP in Illinois.

HALL, GUS

HALL is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of General Secretary of the CP, USA. HALL continues to be most active in all phases of CP activity on a national level. Recently, HALL indicated that if he is to be "boss" he must also control all Party funds. HALL said he realizes that he can have collective leadership, but cannot, as leader of the Party, be friends with everyone.

HALL also holds membership on the recently organized CP National Board.

HALL departed with his wife and family from NYC by automobile, on 3/30/61, for the purpose of a trip to Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Detroit. This is to be a combined vacation and business trip, and it is expected that HALL will return to NY on 4/17/61.

HATHAWAY, CLARENCE

HATHAWAY is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of Chairman of the NY District. He was elected to the CP National Board and also is a member of the Peace Commission, Trade Union Commission and the Political Action and Legislation Commission of the NY CP District.

HATHAWAY is convalescing at home, as a result of an asthmatic attack and has not attended any CP meetings outside his home for several weeks.

HEALEY, DOROTHY

HEALEY is a member of the NC representing the Southern California District of the CP, and in addition holds the position of Chairman of that District.

HEALEY, in March, 1961, began to reactivate herself in CP matters, after a period of convalescence following a hysterectomy she underwent in late 1960. Due to her health, she was unable to attend the last National Committee meeting held in NYC, in January, 1961.

JACKSON, JAMES E.

JACKSON is an at large member of the NC. In addition, he holds the position of Editor of "The Worker". JACKSON was recently elected as a member of the newly created National Board.

JACKSON during the past month has been in attendance at various meetings on a national level in the Party, and has addressed the NY State CP Committee concerning the significance of the 81-Party Statement issued at the November, 1960 Conference at Moscow, which he attended.

JACKSON, in the recent past, was felled by virus pneumonia and became relatively inactive in Party affairs. He expects to resume full activity in the near future.

JOHNSON, ARNOLD

JOHNSON is an at large member of the NC and is reportedly a member of the Peace Commission of the NY CP District.

JOHNSON was in attendance at the last meeting of the NC held in January, 1961, at which time he gave a report which dealt with civil liberties and the necessity of working for peace.

At a meeting of the National Executive Committee held on 3/9 - 10/61, in NYC, the matter of legal defense of the Party was discussed. ARNOLD JOHNSON, at this meeting, was formally placed in charge of the legal defense work for the Party. JOHNSON presented a report to this meeting, in which he recommended that all districts should set up defense committees.

In addition, JOHNSON has been named as one of the individuals who will work for and with the National Board, but will not be a member thereof.

KRCHMAREK, ANTON

KRCHMAREK is a member of the NC representing the Ohio District. In addition, KRCHMAREK also holds the position of State Chairman of the Ohio CP.

KRCHMAREK continues to be active in the work of the CP, USA Steel Commission, attending a meeting of that commission on 1/19/61, at which he gave a report. He also attended the three day meeting of the NC held in NY, on 1/20 - 22/61, and served as Chairman of the second day of sessions of that meeting.

In addition, KRCHMAREK remains active in the affairs of the CP in Ohio, and attended a meeting of the County Committee of the CP of Cleveland, on 1/6/61.

KUSHNER, SAM

KUSHNER is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District. In addition, he is Midwest Editor of "The Worker".

Members of the CP of Indiana, Steel Section, have recently expressed criticism over the fact that the CP, USA regards KUSHNER and EMANUEL BLUM as the ultimate when decisions affecting steel are made by the Party. These members pointed out that the National Steel Commission is

being run by persons who have no knowledge of steel and who are not steel workers. These members have refused to listen to KUSHNER concerning any criticism of the Indiana Steel Section since they contend that he knows very little about problems in the steel field.

LIGHTFOOT, CLAUDE

LIGHTFOOT is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District and holds the position of Vice Chairman of the CP, USA. LIGHTFOOT has also been named as a member of the new National Board of the CP. LIGHTFOOT continues to travel for the National Office, CP, USA, and spends very little time conducting Party business in the Illinois District. Although Chairman of the CP of Illinois, LIGHTFOOT has indicated that he prefers to work for the National Office and has very little concern over the leadership squabbles of the CP of Illinois.

LIGHTFOOT, GERALDYNE

GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT is a member at large of the NC, but no longer serves as Press Director of the CP of Illinois.

Since her return from Russia in 1960, she has made a number of speeches concerning her trip abroad. GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT hopes to return to the Soviet Union sometime in the Spring of 1961, and has indicated a desire to co-ordinate and assist in getting other people to visit the Soviet Union, in order that they may bring back the truth about Russia.

LIMA, ALBERT "MICKEY"

LIMA is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District, and functions as Chairman of that District.

LIMA is currently making numerous speeches before both open and closed meetings regarding the Moscow Conference of 81 CPs which he attended during November - December, 1960. LIMA has stated that the World Socialist Movement has impressed him as being a powerful and irrestible force in comparsion with capitalism, which is currently in a general crisis.

LUMER, HYMAN

LUMER is an at large member of the NC, and holds the position of National Education Secretary. LUMER has also been elected to membership on the CP National Board.

On 2/20/61, the US Supreme Court denied ceritiorari in LUMER's case under the Labor - Management Relations Act of 1947. It appears that LUMER will be required to surrender himself in the near future to begin serving a 18 months prison sentence.

As was previously mentioned in the remarks concerning JIM ALLEN, LUMER at a meeting of CP Functionaries on 3/23/61, requested a leave of absence for approximately six months in order to get his affairs in order, in the event that he has to go to prison. At this meeting, it was stated that LUMER would be replaced by JAMES ALLEN. Information recently received indicates, however, that LUMER will not take a leave of absence, and is continuing to serve as CP Education Director.

MC ADORY, MILDRED (EDELMAN)

MC ADORY is an at large member of the NC, a member of the NY District CP Board, and a member of the Harlem Regional Committee of the CP.

At a meeting of the NY District CP Board held, 2/2/61, she was proposed as a member of the Negro Commission of the NY District. MC ADORY has recently attended meetings of this Commission. In addition, there was a question as to whether MC ADORY or PAUL ROBESON, JR., would be made a member of the Youth Commission of the District. CLARENCE HATHAWAY has indicated a preference for MC ADORY.

MEYERS, GEORGE

MEYERS is an at large member of the NC. In addition, he has been placed in charge of the CP activities in the South, the main function of which is to re-organize the CP in the South.

MEYERS has stated that his family is putting pressure on him to stay home at night and not to go out on CP matters. It has been reported that MEYERS because of this pressure at home was unable to attend a recent meeting of the CP Negro Commission. MEYERS, although not a member of the Negro Commission, has been proposed for membership to that body.

MITCHELL, CHARLENE

MITCHELL is a member of the NC representing the Southern California District of the CP. In addition, she holds a position on the Executive Board of that District.

MITCHELL has been removed from all youth work allegedly because of her health. Her present assignment is the teaching of Marxist classes, and as such attends meetings of the Education Commission of the District.

NABRIED, THOMAS

NABRIED is a member of the NC representing the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District. In addition, he is employed full-time by the Party in the capacity of District Chairman.

NABRIED continues to attend meetings of the National Negro Commission. He is believed to have been made a member of the National Negro Commission.

NELSON, BURT GALE

NELSON represents the Midwest District on the NC, and also serves as Chairman of that District.

NELSON has recently made attempts to set up tentative plans for the appearance of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in the State of Washington. NELSON has complained that his communications from the National Office concerning this trip have been so vague as to force him to wait until FLYNN actually arrives in Washington before stablizing these plans.

O'DELL, HUNTER PITTS

O'DELL is a member of the NC representing the South. O'DELL was in attendance on 2/17 and 18/61, at a work shop

on Race Bias in Trade Unions and Government conducted by the Negro American Labor Council in Washington, D.C. Approximately 1500 people were in attendance at this function.

O'DELL continues to avoid going to CP headquarters, NYC and has not taken part in any open CP activity. He is working on behalf of MARTIN LUTHER KING at 312 West 125th Street, NYC. This is the address of the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which conference is headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PATTERSON, WILLIAM L.

PATTERSON is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of Vice Chairman of the NY District. In addition, he is a member of the Special Organizational Commission and, the Negro Commission of the NY CP District, and a member of the National Negro Commission of the CP, USA. He regularly attends meetings of the National leadership as well as meetings of the NY District CP Board.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN has commented that recently PATTERSON had written a resolution on the Negro question which was so amateurish and stupid that everyone rejected it.

PERRY, PETTIS

PERRY was discharged as a patient of the Olive View Sanatorium, Olive View, California, where he had been confined as a tuberculosis patient. His doctor has advised that PERRY has a heart condition, and a mild case of diabetes, which can be controlled by diet.

PERRY has not engaged in any CP activity since being discharged from the hospital.

POTASH, IRVING

POTASH is an at large member of the NC, and functions as Labor Secretary of the CP, USA. He has been elected to membership on the CP Board, and continues to attend meetings on a national level.

POTASH's status with INS remains unchanged. He continues under Order of Supervision awaiting deportation.

PROCTOR, ROSCOE

PROCTOR is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District. He is also a member of the Northern California CP District Committee and is employed as a warehouseman.

PROCTOR, who attended the CP Leadership School at Briehl's Farm, in NY, during November - December, 1960, is now established as Chairman of the Northern California CP Education Committee. He is presently building the membership of this Committee with representatives from each county organization. He plans to schedule and conduct classes in Marxism - Leninism, and emphasizes the importance of establishing a National Education Program for all members for the purpose of revitalizing and stimulating the Party.

QUEEN, DANIEL

QUEEN is an at large member of the NC. QUEEN has been travelling for the Organizing Committee to establish a Marxism - Leninism Youth Organization throughout the country. It was determined in January, 1961, that at the National Committee meeting in NY, QUEEN expressed the view that there is not too much enthusiasm for such a Youth Organization, however, GUS HALL took exception to this view, stating that QUEEN was wrong in this concept.

RICHMOND, AL

RICHMOND is an at large member of the NC, and holds the position of Executive Editor of the "People's World".

RICHMOND is energetically participating in the CP Peace Program. He has stated that the peace movement is one of the greatest mass population movements of all times, and that it was a major political obligation of the Party units and each individual member to participate.

RICHMOND has expended much effort to support the 4/1/61 Easter Peace Walk sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and has been in frequent contact with representatives of that organization.

ROBESON, PAUL, JR.

ROBESON, JR. is a member of the NC representing the NY District, and a leading figure in the Harlem CP. Recently he has been conducting educational classes for various CP members in Harlem.

ROBESON attends meetings of the Harlem CP Regional Committee and it was recently indicated ROBESON will be the Organizer of the Lower 13th Assembly District Club of the CP.

ROBESON, JR. recently flew to Russia to visit his father PAUL ROBESON, SR., who is reportedly sick in Russia.

ROSENBLUTH, NAT

ROSENBLUTH is a member of the NC, representing the NY District. Recently, a biographical sketch of ROSENBLUTH was obtained. Therein it was indicated that ROSENBLUTH is a member of the ILGWU and that his occupation is "cutter - ladies' suite". The sketch also indicates that ROSENBLUTH is a member of the Craft Club of the CP as well as a member of SANE. It is noted that ROSENBLUTH is Chairman of the Garment Region of the CP.

GUS HALL, at a recent meeting of CP Functionaries, refused to consider ROSENBLUTH along with MICHAEL CRENOVICH for membership on a committee to revise and amend the CP constitution, because of his poor attitude.

RUBIN, MORTIMER DANIEL

RUBIN is an at large member of the NC representing Youth and holds the position of CP, USA National Youth Director. RUBIN reportedly will work with and for the new CP National Board, but is not a member of the Board.

RUBIN's principal activity is in connection with the publication "New Horizons for Youth".

RUBIN, in March, 1960, travelled to Boston, Massachusetts, and Detroit, Michigan, on CP matters.

STACHEL, JACOB

STACHEL is an at large member of the NC and Chairman of the National Groups Commission of the CP, USA. It has been reported that together with PHIL BART and BETTY GANNETT, STACHEL has been given the assignment for arranging for a skeleton underground operation in the event of adverse court decisions against the CP. STACHEL is reportedly a member of the CP National Board.

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[redacted] is a member of the NC representing the South and continues to be the main CP leader in the San Antonio, Texas area. [redacted] is the Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas and one of the two Texas representatives to the Southern Regional Committee of the CP.

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[redacted] remains active in all phases of CP activity in the San Antonio area and continues his efforts to re-organize the CP in this area.

TOOHEY, PATRICK

TOOHEY is a member of the NC representing the New Jersey District, and is State Chairman of the New Jersey CP.

TOOHEY has been out of the State, vacationing in Florida since the middle of February, 1961. Prior to leaving on vacation, TOOHEY met with the National Secretariat and New Jersey and NY CP leaders to furnish an extensive report on the condition of the CP of New Jersey, and its various programs. TOOHEY was critical of relations existing between the CP of New Jersey and the National Office of the CP, USA, the main criticism being that a feeling of isolation was developing in New Jersey as a result of the National Office's failure to aid the State through public speakers and personal contact. TOOHEY returned from his vacation in the later part of March, 1961.

TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT

TORMEY is a member of the NC representing the NY District. In addition, she is a member of the full-time staff of the NY State CP and holds the title of Organizational and Educational Director of the District. TORMEY has been scheduled to function as an instructor at the NY School for Marxist Studies.

In addition to the above assignments, TORMEY has been assigned along with PHIL BART and JACK STACHEL with the task of arranging for a skeleton underground operation to be outlined in the event of adverse court decisions affecting the CP.

TORMEY, JAMES

TORMEY is a member of the NC representing the NY District. He also holds the position of Kings County CP Organizer. TORMEY is no longer on the payroll of the NY District and is reportedly seeking employment outside the Party. TORMEY was recently made a member of the Special Organizational Commission and the Negro Commission of the NY CP District.

WEINSTOCK, LOUIS

WEINSTOCK is a member of the NC representing the NY District and holds the position of General Manager of "The Worker".

In late, January, 1961, it was learned that WEINSTOCK had completed the necessary arrangements and can now handle for the CP, USA, any messages which must be transmitted to the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party.

WEINSTOCK, in March, 1961, made a trip to Miami Beach, Florida, in connection with his duties as General Manager of "The Worker", for the stated purpose of raising funds for a Marxist daily newspaper.

WEINSTONE, WILLIAM

WEINSTONE was elected a member of the NC at a meeting of that body, held at NYC, 1/20 - 22/61.

It has been previously reported that the CP, USA was considering sending WEINSTONE to Prague, for a period of one year as the CP, USA representative on the staff of "World Marxist Review". Recently, however, GUS HALL has said that WEINSTONE would not be considered for this assignment, because of the fact that he would replace HYMAN LUMER as National Education Director of the CP, USA, at such a time as LUMER is incarcerated in the Federal Penitentary. As has been previously stated, it now appears that JAMES ALLEN will succeed LUMER in this position. WEINSTONE's status is vague at the present time. It is suspected that he will continue to function as an assistant to the CP, USA Education Director. HYMAN LUMER has stated that WEINSTONE is not in a position to accept the Directorship of the Educational Commission because of his poor health. WEINSTONE reportedly will work with and for the new CP National Board, but is not a member of that group.

WEST, JAMES

WEST is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District.

WEST along with HYMAN LUMER is facing imminent imprisonment, for a period of 18 months, as a result of a conviction under the Labor - Management Relations Act of 1947. In the recent past, WEST's activities have lessened to a great degree. However, in late, 1960, he spoke at a meeting of the Wisconsin State Commission of the CP.

WHEELER, JUANITA

WHEELER is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District. She is employed as Circulation Manager of the "People's World".

WHEELER, who attended the CP Leadership School at Briehl's Farm, Wallkill, New York, during November - December, 1960, is now co-Chairman of the newly established Northern California CP Education Committee.

WINTER, CARL

WINTER is a member of the NC representing the Michigan District. In addition, he is a member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, and the Chairman of the Midwest Region of the CP, USA. WINTER devotes his full-time to CP activity. He occasionally writes articles for "The Worker" and has been reported as an Associate Editor for this publication.

WINTER reportedly spoke at the University of Iowa, on 2/23/61, replacing HYMAN LUMER who was originally scheduled to make this speech.

WINTER, HELEN MARY

HELEN WINTER is a member at large of the NC. She continues to manage the affairs of Global Books, a Detroit CP book store. Since returning from her attendance at the CP conference in Moscow, she has delivered numerous speeches regarding her trip. None of these discussions have been open to the public and all have been by invitation only.

HELEN WINTER continues to be active as a leader on both the national and local CP levels in Michigan.

PART II

It was recently learned that GUS HALL, in discussing EMANUEL BLUM's attendance at a National Executive Committee meeting, stated that BLUM has been "tinkering" with the ultra-left and that the National Office has been worried for a long time about BLUM's affiliation with the leftist gang. BLUM was invited to the National Executive Committee meeting in an effort to win him over to the line of the National Office.

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. has in the past been very critical of the leadership of the Party due to its lack of interest in activity surrounding the events in the Congo, and the death of PATRICE LUMUMBA, in particular. He continually refers to the Party leadership as being "morons" or "meatheads", more interested in talking than doing actual work.

Privately DAVIS has been most critical of the selection of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman of the Party. He has described FLYNN as that "old drunken Irishman" and has commented that FLYNN rather than inspiring leadership is a laughing stock. DAVIS has stated that people outside of the Party must wonder what kind of organization would be so weak as to have that "mound of flab as a leader".

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Negro CP members in the Baltimore area have been complaining more and more of the fact that they are apparently doing more CP work and contributing more to the Party than the white comrades. JACOB GREEN in a conversation with BENJAMIN DAVIS stated that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and WILLIAM PATTERSON, while in Philadelphia during January, 1961, were extremely critical of Baltimore for placing CP members as officers in local chapters of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC). Apparently they were also opposed to Baltimore CP activities in the youth field.

GREEN could not understand LIGHTFOOT's attitude and subsequently contacted both WILLIAM PATTERSON and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and stated that both he and GEORGE MEYERS were upset over the criticism of Baltimore work in the Negro National Committee meeting in Philadelphia on 1/14 - 15/61. GREEN said that the statements by PATTERSON and LIGHTFOOT at the meeting indicated that Baltimore was incorrect in dominating and holding officership in the NALC in Baltimore. GREEN explained to them that if it were not for the efforts of the CP in Baltimore, there would be no local NALC.

GREEN said he intended to bring GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS into this discussion. Following this LIGHTFOOT and PATTERSON apologized and said that they had not understood the situation. GREEN then criticized both of them for poor leadership and accused LIGHTFOOT of being a right revisionist.

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In the Southern California District, CHARLENE MITCHELL is still the center of a controversy between the Negro comrades on the Executive Board of the Southern California District because of her removal as a paid CP functionary. The Negro cadre has charged that the Southern California District leadership, particularly BEN DOBBS and DOROTHY HEALEY, with being chauvinistic.

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Events in the Northwest District of the CP, indicate that the Whatcom CP Section is still opposed to the leadership of BURT NELSON, in view of the fact that one CP member in that section lost about $5,000.00 in a TV stock venture which had been promoted by NELSON for the benefit of the Northwest District. NELSON is apparently unaware that this CP section has complained to the National CP Office, and that there have been rumbles in the National Office indicating that GUS HALL or other CP functionaries might come to Seattle to question NELSON about this "misappropriation of funds".

NELSON has made numerous enemies within the CP since becoming District Chairman both at local and national levels, and it is believed that once someone in authority has severly criticized NELSON, criticism will then come from several directions.

PART III

The financial situation of BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR. remains critical with his wife continually nagging him for not earning enough money to put food on the table. DAVIS' wife has repeatedly urged DAVIS to leave the CP and do something on his own. DAVIS has indicated that he is thinking along these lines.

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[redacted] MILDRED MC ADORY EDELMAN, has left here [redacted] who is of the white race, and the [redacted] entered into a controversy with [redacted] by refusing to call his [redacted] left home as a result of this argument.

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During the recent past, SAM KUSHNER separated from his wife, SYLVIA, as a result of FLO HALL forcing him to choose between his wife and herself. KUSHNER is presently residing at the Academy Animal Hospital, 5526 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois.

The relationship between KUSHNER and HALL has been the subject of discussion by the National leadership as well as the Illinois District leadership. KUSHNER, when approached by JIM WEST claimed that the separation between his wife and himself was based solely on matters existing between them, and he denied any relationship with FLO HALL.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, during a recent visit to Chicago, spoke with both HALL and KUSHNER concerning this situation, and it has been learned that GUS HALL has also spoken of the relationship of HALL and KUSHNER to other members of the Illinois leadership.

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The [redacted] between THOMAS NABRIED and [redacted] CP member, has diminished greatly during the past month for no apparent reason and appears to be finished. NABRIED continues to [redacted] CP member, in a [redacted] that is harmonious. NABRIED and [redacted] continue to place small number bets daily.

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An article appearing in the "Dallas Morning News", [redacted] as State Organizer of the CP, USA, in the State of Texas. On the day following the appearance of this article in the paper, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] appeared at the Dallas Office of the FBI accompanied by her attorney. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had read the article in the newspaper and wished to cooperate in anyway with the Dallas Office. Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted], inherited over $200,000 from his father, which is being held in trust. She stated that she has no intention of ever letting this money get into the hands of [redacted] in view of his alleged CP membership.

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It has been learned that BURT NELSON is now claiming that attempts are being made on his life. It has also been determined that NELSON has also claimed that a floral wreath had been placed on his doorstep, on 3/9/61, and that this floral piece was addressed to NELSON's wife, implying that NELSON was dead. This angered NELSON to the point where he verbally attacked one of his neighbors for this action. This neighbor, however, was apparently able to convince NELSON that he had nothing to do with this matter. As a result, NELSON became exceedingly drunk during the early morning hours of 3/9/61, and instructed his wife to conduct an immediate investigation, commencing at the florist where the wreath was purchased in Seattle.

NELSON's wife conducted a thorough investigation of this matter and found that the floral wreath had been sent to her by NELSON's daughter, as a greeting and best wishes for a happy International Women's Day, but that the florist had forgotten to send the greeting card with the floral piece.

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During a recent visit to New York City, GEORGE MEYERS accepted the hospitality of ARNOLD JOHNSON and visited his home. JOHNSON's wife offered MEYERS a can of beer, which he drank in one gulp, and then, without asking permission, ran to the kitchen and took another can of beer from the refrigerator. This caused Mrs. JOHNSON to express surprise and to state that MEYERS was acting like a lunatic. She further told MEYERS that she had seen him act that way once or twice before and advised him to calm down.

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On [redacted] advised that, during a conversation with [redacted] at CP headquarters, NYC, on that date, [redacted] said he had proposed to [redacted] that [redacted] be assigned to Organization and Trade Union work because this is where he is lacking from the point of view of becoming an all-around leader in the Party. He stated that since [redacted] is National Secretary and says he doesn't know what his duties are, "let him become Chairman of the Org. Bureau with PHIL (BART) remaining Org. Sec." He continued that "The Org. Commission of [redacted] PHIL BART and I can meet regularly and be responsible for the day- to - day organizational work. Secondly, let him (DAVIS) take part in trade union work which is the most important work in the Party and I am not minimizing Negro work. GUS agrees that we should do this. I told BEN about it." b7D

According to [redacted] the commissions the Party now has are more or less committees. He noted that the Party now has a Negro Commission, an Education Commission, a Trade Union Commission and a National Groups Commission. He said GUS (HALL) feels the Education Commission should set up a publications committee. The Trade Union Commission could be strengthened and the Org. Commission should meet at least every two weeks and, if necessary, every week. b7D

Care must be used in reporting the ABOVE information since its very nature tends to identify a sensitive and highly placed informant.

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1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - EDUCATION) (415)
1-NY (100-89590) (CPUSA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)
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On 3/28/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on that date, JACK STACHEL made a statement, the essence of which is as follows:

A subcommittee was set up to finish what the task force didn't finish, consisting of BEN (DAVIS), PHIL (BART) and myself (STACHEL). I'm going to propose that he (BEN DAVIS?) be given definite assignments to put him to the test. He is National Secretary. We want him to become part of the political action committee. I want him to be assigned to work with the Org. and Trade Union Commissions, just what he always tries to shy away from. Let him learn something. Let him sweat. Let him take responsibility.

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Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	4/3/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 4/3/61, BOB THOMPSON contacted PHIL (BART).. BOB said he got a note at his apartment today..signed PHIL..PHIL said he didn't leave it..has never been to BOB's place..BOB said he's been working "odd jobs" and he would like to see PHIL later in the week re a little problem he has.

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IRVING POTASH
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	4/6/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 4/6/61, (PHIL BART) contacted Mr. (IRVING) POTASH at "Chelsea Hotel", CHelsea 3-3700. PHIL asked if IRVING will meet him this morning. IRVING asked if PHIL means at 11:00 and PHIL said "a little before." IRVING then agreed. PHIL remarked he hasn't had any coffee "running around" and suggested that IRVING meet him at "The Automat there on 5th Avenue." IRVING asked if there is an Automat there. PHIL replied that there is "right near - about the same street as our office." IRVING then agreed that there is one there and agreed to meet PHIL in there.

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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	4/9/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 4/9/61, (CONNIE BART) contacted an unknown man at HYacinth 3-8972, and said she told unknown man's wife she hoped they'd see them today, but then early this morning they got a phone call that MARY KAUFMAN's mother died - so they went over early this afternoon expecting to spend only a brief time there, but they just got back now- so that's why CONNIE hadn't called unknown man. The unknown man said, I suppose PHIL (BART) told you that we may get another.... CONNIE cut in, yes, so maybe - you haven't made any full commitments for next week end I trust. Unknown man said no - that this doesn't figure in his calendar at all until he has it confirmed - maybe tomorrow - so maybe they can see each other next week end. CONNIE said yes - let's figure on it and I'll speak to either or both of you early in the week. CONNIE sent her best to CAROL.

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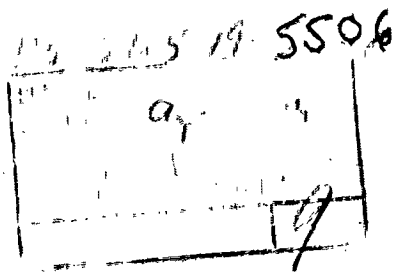

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Director, FBI (100-1837)

CLAUDE CLOSSIE WILLIAMS
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ReNYlet 4-3-61 captioned "Philip Bart, IS-C, ISA-30, SA-40, Weekly Summary - 3/27-4/3/61 - CINAL."

Relet discloses NY 1730-S* on 3-28-61 advised that Philip Bart, his wife, and Ina Halfant, Kings County Communist Party member, discussed a minister from the South named Claude Williams. Bart told Halfant that he believed Williams had done a good job for them in Detroit. Halfant told Bart that Williams had been doing a wonderful job around Birmingham, Alabama, and that she had heard he had been left one million dollars. Halfant related that Williams is 66 years of age and apparently has traveled to raise money for certain groups. She indicated that Williams lives about 20 miles outside of Birmingham. Bart related that he would like to have seen Williams in order to have him get in touch with "our individual" who is going down "there" shortly. He indicated that the important thing about Williams is that he can be of assistance in an area "where "we" need help.

Bufiles disclose that Claude Williams appears to be identical to the subject. Birmingham is, therefore, instructed to conduct an active investigation regarding the subject with a view towards determining his current sympathies and activities. Surep the results of your investigation together with your recommendation as to whether or not his name should be included in the Security Index.

New York should be alert in this matter and furnish Birmingham any additional pertinent information received.

1 - Birmingham (Philip Bart)
(2) - New York (100-56579)

H. Quinn
J. D. Connell

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : WEEKEND SUPERVISOR (100-56579) DATE: 4/7/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN, 415

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40

New Haven has been advised by teletype, 4/7/61, that the subject is driving to New Haven, Conn. on Saturday morning, 4/8/61. This office will place him under surveillance to determine if he starts his trip on Saturday morning.

Agent on above surveillance will call weekend supervisor, if subject attempts his trip, for the purpose of telephonically advising New Haven he has left.

New Haven has description of subject and car.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-56579) DATE: 4/8/61

FROM : SA NEIL P. DIVERS

SUBJECT: PHIL. BART
IS-C

SA. [redacted], NEW HAVEN b6 b7C
was advised this date that subject departed
Grand Central Sta NYC at 10:00AM 4/8/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-3-69

New York, New York
April 13, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

On April 12, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held in Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, on that date.

Among those in attendance were:

Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, a member of the National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman, New York District (NYD), CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, member of the NC, CPUSA
Betty Gannett, Organizational and Educational Director, NYD, CPUSA
James Jackson, member of the NC, CPUSA, and editor of "The Worker"
Jim Allen, member of the NC, CPUSA
George Morris, Labor Columnist for "The Worker"

At the outset, there was heated discussion concerning the text of a cablegram being sent to Premier Khrushchev congratulating the Soviet Union on the successful launching of a man in space. According to Ben Davis, he, Davis, had expressed the opinion that he was satisfied

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with the cablegram as originally prepared by Gus Hall, whereas Phil Bart and Jack Stachel had changed the wording of the cablegram and gave orders that it be sent regardless of the fact that Davis felt it was satisfactory as originally written. Davis claimed that Stachel had no right to change the cablegram without having a previous discussion with him and he, therefore, considered Stachel's action as chauvinism.

Stachel claimed that Davis was always shouting chauvinism but probably actually does not know what it means.

Irving Potash said that the cablegram should have been shown to Davis again after it was changed in order to obtain his approval inasmuch as Davis is National Secretary of the Party. He stated, however, that he hesitated to agree with Davis' characterization of this as white chauvinism.

After some further discussion during which Stachel and Davis shouted at each other, each accusing the other of being insulting, Davis agreed that if Irving Potash's point of view represented the majority point of view of those present, he would be willing to let the matter rest. There was no further discussion on this point.

William Patterson then discussed the situation with regard to Henry Winston, a CP functionary currently serving time in prison. He proposed that on Mother's Day, the Party have Winston's mother in Washington, D. C. accompanied by a group of women to appear before the Attorney General or the Parole Board. He felt that this might create sentiment in favor of Winston throughout the country, particularly among women.

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

Ben Davis then gave a report on the John Birch Society. He described the society as demonstrating a reaction to the growing struggle and strength of the labor movement, the Negro people and advanced peace forces. He said it is also a reaction to the growing strength of the Soviet Union and socialist camp. He described the Birch Society as an extremely aggressive militant group which has Fascist aims and objectives. He noted that its whole program is built on the concept of fighting Communism. It is for the repeal of all social and economic legislation for the last thirty years. It is for the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren, because of his desegregation decision and the recent decisions of the Supreme Court on the Smith Act. It is for repealing the income tax, withdrawing from NATO, withdrawing from all foreign aid and for the ending of all trade with Socialist countries. According to Davis, the Birch Society has units in approximately 34 states and is an operating and going concern. He stated that it is a national council composed of very important and powerful forces and that the society is linked with other "right" organizations in the country. He asserted that in the South, the Birch Society is linked with the White Citizens Council and the Ku Klux Klan.

Davis said that the Party must call for complete exposure of the Birch Society. He said that it should be pointed out that there is evidence to the effect that they believe in violence and "we should call for their outlawing and prosecution."

Following Davis' report, others present asserted that the Birch Society is setting up an enormus press apparatus and has now reached the point where the members want to organize for the 1962 elections.

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Irving Potash commented that the charges that Eisenhower is an agent of the Communist conspiracy are not made because these people believe they are true but are used as a method of blackmail similar to the methods of the late (Senator) McCarthy. According to Potash, the John Birch Society has arisen as a result of the decay and decline of imperialism and capitalism and national frustration as a result of the challenge of the Socialist world and Cuba and the defeat administered to the United States policy in the colonial world. He said the Party can make a contribution by developing forces to challenge these Fascist elements.

Jim Allen said the Party should demand that organizations of this type be investigated as subversive and that these investigations be conducted by Robert Kennedy, the Attorney General.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly publication.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-14-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. THE INFORMATION NOTED HAS NOT BEEN, AS YET, DELIVERED TO ITS INTENDED RECIPIENT AND, THEREFORE, IF REVEALED WOULD IDENTIFY THE SOURCE. IF THIS INFORMATION IS UTILIZED IN ANY REPORT, IT MUST BE PARAPHRASED SO THAT IT CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO EITHER THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR THE INFORMANT.

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(1-100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)
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(1-100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
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On April 10, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a two-page handwritten memorandum prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), for transmittal to GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA.

This item was photostated by the Chicago Office on April 10, 1961, and the original returned to the source on that date. One photostat has been retained by Chicago and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(201).

Two photostats of this item are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below, except for the deletion of minor data which tends to identify the source, is the verbatim content of this memorandum. The information set forth in parenthesis was supplied by the source on April 10, 1961, for assistance in interpretation of information appearing therein:

"San Francisco - Calif.
"April 7 - 1961 -

"Dear Gus: - .....tells me he will be seeing you next week, so am taking advantage to send you this personal letter. I sent two memos to Phil (Bart) on the N.W. and then one to ..... on some conclusions, so I will not repeat as I'm sure /or hope/ you have seen them all. There is nothing to worry about in Oregon, except for one guy /Gay/ who seems bent on a vendetta against the old man (Norman Haaland). But he has no support, so nothing will come of it. In Seattle the situation is much more serious as I wrote. The Board here /Archie (Brown), Al (Richmond), Mickie (Lima) [redacted], Merle (Brodsky) etc:/ were anxious for news of there. Their opinion, unofficial of course, is that we should try to get him (Burt Nelson) to resign and go back on the waterfront. General agreement is he is a sick guy. But there is general disapproval of Milf. (Sutherland) taking over; a lack of confidence in him and a feeling that all he ever does is talk and write long winded documents. I know

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"its a crazy idea but if Jim Tormey would come out there he would be generally accepted. He was there 9 months and made a fine impression. But I suppose its out of the question, altho he reciprocates their feelings. If we could swing Jim (Tormey) & Betty (Gannett) to Seattle and Carl and Helen (Winter) to N.Y. we would solve a lot of problems. But I guess I'm dreaming! We'd need more power than we yet possess.

"As you know, of course, we have a good working class party here and in the NW involved in mass activities. But, as I wrote to ....., and I guess you know this too, they feel very isolated from the N.O. (national office). All along the line they complain that 1/ they get very few letters and especially do not get replies to theirs. Hy (Lumer) seems to be the honorable exception, who answers letters. He answered me; so did Arnold (Johnson) finally - but that's all I get, except two short notes from Phil (Bart) on the mix-up on my tour. 2/ They do not hear any reports from the commissions except the Ed (Education) & Org (Organization) occasionally. But nothing from Labor, Negro, Peace, Defense. Even a monthly letter would be helpful, to keep them in touch with doings and developments elsewhere, and encourage them to report from here, as well.

"3/ How right you are about people getting off their chairs /polite way to say it/ at 23 W. and getting around the country! Irving (Potash) should visit the coast. Labor developments are cooking here all the time. (Emil) Mazey met with 40 labor leaders; 25 teachers, auto union, RR trainmen among them stayed to discuss launching a jobs & peace labor committee. The Alameda Co. Labor Council will issue the appeal. There are many t.u. problems our members face too - the I.L.W.U. contract creates many etc. The lumber industry is a sick one due to automation. One cannot know the problems sitting in N.Y. I attended B'd meetings in Seattle; Portland; S.F. and county committees in Oakland & S.F. They discussed unemployment - based on report & discussion at N.C. It was very informative. The lack of labor participation in the peace demonstrations, was noticeable. But Mazey's efforts may help to change the picture in the Bay area. The concensus of all reports indicated that the party moved as it has not done for the last 5 years, in this peace activity. There was only one bad sign & the Quakers

"apologized for that. But except for Mazey the speeches were inadequate - too much red baiting - referring to the S.U. as 'the enemy' etc. The youth, especially students, were very vocal in expressing their disappointment. Considered it an anti-climax to their efforts. Every where I go the change from a year or two years ago, is very noticeable - the involvement of youth in all movements; their vigor, interest, enthusiasm, willingness to act, desire to know, to study etc. The children of our own comrades are in the middle of things too - which is also a big change and very good. Fifty kids in a church, on the big march, listened while one of their number read the P.W. ("Peoples World") editorial on the Peace march, which was an exceptionally good piece.

"They like the national leaflet on unemployment and are planning a local one to pin it down to the area, and to press on the unions to set up committees to keep the unemployed and to popularize the shorter work week. All of their discussions were so stimulating and comradely - brief and to the point, I enjoyed it all a great deal.

"Well, I sure have had publicity. I sent all clippings to ..... - he will show you. T.V., radios, columnists, it's amazing. The local people are delighted and decided to get out special leaflets for the big May Day meeting, to take advantage of it all. My age, sex and labor record, plus my new post, seem to intrigue the press a great deal. And coming here at the crest of the debate on the Birch Society, helped too. There are people joining the party too - not in large numbers but steadily, and some returning to the fold, including our lady friend from Minnesota who went to Cuba. Mickie (Lima) & I visited her and he popped the question to her. By the way, he (Mickey Lima) is a good chairman and organizer, is well liked and effective in his own bailiwick - works in an easy way but gets results.

"Bill Schneiderman's mother died on Tues - April 4th and Ben Dobb's mother died the same day - both in L.A. It occurred to me we could print a note of sympathy, which might be read elsewhere, as we once tried to do in another way, you remember? Maybe ..... could word it for us.

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"Am attending a farewell party for Mike & [redacted] tonight. They leave on Tues. Peggy [redacted] got their papers (passports), without any trouble, in a few days in fact. He has been here for the holidays - met the Stamford group - I guess people like you and me have to be careful in talking to people - they quote us all over the lot afterwards. b6 b7C

"I wrote a few instances to ..... something you were supposed to have said to Rose Chernin about Mickie and to Dorothy (Healey) about [redacted] Of course they ought to know better than to repeat and then probably in a garbled form - but they don't, unfortunately. In my new capacity I realize I must be more careful than possibly I was in the past - the trouble is we are frank and outgoing people and diplomacy is not natural to us. But I guess we must learn, to some extent, for our own protection, to emulate guys like ..... This is just a tip to you. b6 b7C

"A victory that pleased everyone here a great deal in the last week was the election of a Negro in Berkeley to the council and another to the school board. This is the first time in its history. I sent clipping to Claude (Lightfoot). Our people helped a great deal there too. Some day we'll get credit for all we do.

"Norman Thomas was here and said that he expects Socialism in the U.S.A. in the next two or three decades. The columnist asked if I agreed. I said 'My! I didn't know Norman is such an optimist! I'll settle for the year 2000 - which after all is only 39 years away!' I asked the guy what he thought. He said 'I think you're right.' Wonders never cease! He was quite young. Hope you are well and enjoying life as much as I do. I'll be here until the 17th - then L.A. till April 28 - back here for the 29th - then back there for their May Day - on May 5th. Home after that, I guess.

"Best regards to all good friends - Take care of yourself. Affectionately, Elizabeth

"P.S. What do you and .....think of my idea to send the guy (Burt Nelson) from the N.W. for medical care, elsewhere (SU)? You would have to see him to propose it to him however, I believe he'd take it from you. Others would have to be told the exact condition, of course. E"

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Date: 4/13/61

Transmit the following in: PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

There are transmitted herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the CPUSA, held in CP Headquarters, NYC, on 4/12/61.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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Meeting, Executive Board, [redacted] CPUSA, [redacted]

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In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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100-16410 (CP - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
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Informant's written report follows:

"March 14, 1961

[redacted] - [redacted] attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of the [redacted] held at the home of [redacted] b7D

"Attending were [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] asked [redacted] if she had heard anything new on the Sane Committee. b7D

[redacted] said that she understood that there now are two peace groups. One is headed by [redacted]

[redacted] if she would contact Mrs. [redacted] in Marblehead who has been the Secretary of the North Shore Sane Committee and find out more details on the two groups and see if she feels the North Shore group will be able to become more active. b7D

[redacted] said she would do that.

[redacted] passed around a letter from [redacted] in which [redacted] asked [redacted] to thank [redacted] for their work on the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn affair. b7D

"In the letter [redacted] said that Phil Bart would be in Boston from March 15 to 18 and she wondered if we on the [redacted] could meet on the 15th with Bart - the other dates are to be taken up with meetings with other groups. b7D

"Also in the letter [redacted] said she was enclosing a circular on unemployment and hoped we on the [redacted] could take 500 to be mailed and distributed. The 500 would cost us $4.00. b7D

[redacted] said she would not be able to attend a meeting on the 15th as she has made other plans and also that is the night [redacted] goes to his class in Russian language. b7D

[redacted] said that a Wednesday is not good with him either as he sometimes works on Wednesday evening.

"We decided that it would not be wise to plan a meeting with Bart and [redacted] said she would notify [redacted] that we could not meet on the 15th. b7D

"On the circulars we decided to take this up with the section at the next meeting and see if ways of getting rid of them could be found. The mailing list would take care of about 100 but there would be 400 to distribute in some manner.

[redacted] said she had spent an evening with [redacted] at Andre and [redacted] in Peabody. b6 b7C b7D

"She said that [redacted] gave a very interesting talk on their trip to Cuba and also showed clippings.

[redacted] said that they had told her they have been busy every weekend since their trip speaking before groups.

[redacted] said she had asked them if they would speak before our people and they had said that they would not want invitations sent out that they were speaking before a group to raise money for the 'Worker' or party but would speak and a collection could be taken which could be used for that purpose. b7D

[redacted] said that they had also said they would be willing to speak at the Unitarian Church in Saugus. [redacted] told [redacted] he should notify the minister there to that effect. b7D

[redacted] said he would speak to the minister but he doubted if the church would have [redacted] as they are not at present running any forums. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] are on the executive board of the North Shore 'Fair Play For Cuba' committee. b7D

[redacted] said that the Boston committee wishes to have a debate on Cuba to be held at Community Church Center. He said they have [redacted] to speak on Cuba but have not as yet found a person to debate with Worthy on the subject. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] also asked [redacted] if she felt that [redacted] might work with the [redacted] Fair Play For Cuba' Committee. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that they possibly might.

"We decided to ask [redacted] if he would give a report at the next meeting of the section to be held at [redacted] house on Thursday, March 16, on what Pres. Kennedy has done since he took office. b7D

"After the meeting [redacted] went over to [redacted] and told him that we expected him to give this report." b7D

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At Boston, Mass.

Will request information available in files of the Los Angeles office concerning new peace group reportedly headed by [redacted] b7D

Will cause a check to be made of informants of the Boston Office for any possible information concerning activity of this group within the territory of the Boston Division.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File 100-3-69

New York, New York
April 18, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 17, 1961, that a meeting of leading functionaries of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held on above date at Communist Party Headquarters, New York City.

Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Clarence Hathaway, Chairman, New York District (NYD), CPUSA
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Betty Gannett, Organizational and Educational Director, NYD, CPUSA
Arnold Johnson, member NC, CPUSA
William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman, NYD, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA.

Ben Davis opened the meeting and declared that the invasion of Cuba is an act of murder and could not have taken place without the "backing of American Imperialism." He said it was outrageous and monstrous that America has permitted these "mercenaries and fascist forces" to use Florida soil to train on.

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Continuing, Davis stated that the Party should expose every move of the Kennedy Administration and point out that the Guantanamo base is being used as a base of military operations against Cuban independence. Davis called for some kind of a statement to be issued by the Party.

Jack Stachel stated that "The Worker" will carry a full story on Cuba and United Nations actions as well as a Party statement and an editorial. Stachel recommended that the Party statement be prepared immediately, be brief and prepared in a leaflet form for distribution.

Arnold Johnson commented that pacifist organizations and groups are also issuing statements regarding the Cuban invasion.

Johnson said that the pacifist groups have pointed out that the argument put forth by the invasion forces that Cuba is being used as a military base for the Soviet Union in the Western Hemisphere is taking root. Johnson said that the Party should be aware that this argument must be defeated because it is a "fake charge being used as a basis for mobilization to support the invasion."

Johnson expressed the opinion that American public opinion has not been built up for the invasion and thought the United States government could be halted from going to excesses. The Party must give confidence to everyone we reach that "the plot can be killed aborning" and stopped before it takes full root.

Gus Hall concluded the discussion by stating that the responsibility for the invasion must be placed on the Kennedy Administration and the Party should place this responsibility in a realistic way. He said the Party must point out the danger to world peace and thought that the Soviet Union would issue some kind of a statement shortly.

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Hall said he agreed with Arnold Johnson that there was still a possibility of avoiding complete invasion of Cuba.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

There are transmitted herewith 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum covering a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA held on 4/17/61, at CP headquarters, NYC.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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On April 13, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with a handwritten letter dated April 10, 1961, at San Francisco, California, which had been prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA, and a typewritten enclosure dated April 7, 1961, from JOHN ABT, New York City, to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

This handwritten letter and its enclosure were photostated by the Chicago Office on April 14, 1961, and the originals returned to the source on April 17, 1961. One photostat of each item has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(206).

Two photostats of each of the items are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York Office.

Set forth below, with the exception of minor personal data, are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and the typewritten enclosure from JOHN ABT. The information appearing in parenthesis was supplied by the source on April 13, 1961, for purposes of clarification:

"San Francisco - Calif.
"April 10 - 1961 -

"Dear ..... : .....Dorothy (Healey) talked to Mickie (Lima) this a.m. She has her passport. But she heard nothing from anyone altho she is excited and interested and wonders if it is too late for May 1st (May Day delegation to the USSR)? Please answer her. Here's a couple of more clips from here & Paterson N.J. Had a letter from Hy (Lumer) /April 8/ that the original trial judge heard the motions. He advised them to ask for a stay of execution, 'so there is no surrender date set' - he states. That's a little better news. Also letter from John (Abt) gives information on Sup. Court appeals. Please give it to Gus (Hall). We are negotiating with So. Calif. for me to stay here longer. Mickie can keep me busy. Last night with all the old timers at Pataluman about 50 -- they raised their quota of $400 for the P.W. (Peoples World) But they raise $1200 for the Frieheit.

"Same in L.A. all out for the Frieheit. Here Archie (Brown), Al (Richmond), Mickie - all the leaders have house parties for the P.W. and raise a lot of dough. Imagine if we tried that in NYC. Hy says [redacted] is better, will soon be out of the hospital and Clarence (Hathaway) is working some. Hy's wife (Edith) is slowly recuperating. They are trying to raise the fines ($2500 each) as they could not get the bail relieved of it. Did I tell you I finally got a letter from Phil (Bart) - dated March 30th and sent to the S.F. office address where they seldom go? He asks if May 13 & 14 is O.K. with Mickie and me for an NEC meeting. It will be - so I suppose that's the end of my lovely Calif. stay and back to the salt mines.

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"Best regards to all dear friends -
"as ever, with love to you,

"Elizabeth"

* * *

"Apt. 10-D, 444 Central Park West
New York City 25, New York

April 7

"Dear Elizabeth,

"Thanks for your card. I've been behaving thoroughly out of charcater and like a real schlemiel (is there an Irish equivalent?). I've been up and down with the stupid infection since you left, and for a time it looked as though I would need another trip to the hospital for some minor repair work to get rid of it for keeps. But I've been back at the office all this week, and it now looks as though the business was clearing up of itsown accord.

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"The Supreme Cour_ clerk has written me that the Court has directed that the Party's unemployment insurance case (involving the constitutionality of the Communist Control Act) be argued at this term. This means pretty clearly that the Court won't decide the SACB and membership cases until after this argument, and then will decide all three cases together, which mean no decisions before mid-June. The unemployment insurance case will be argued either on May 4 or 8, and we have arranged for a flight either on the 6th or 10th. I feel a little queazy about leaving (for Soviet Union) beore the decisions come down, but I can always fly home if that should prove necessary. Besides, I've told your colleagues that unless they mend their ways and put our relations on a responsible and business-like basis, they'll have to find themselves another lawyer. And since they have not yet replied, perhaps it will do them good to have me fly off for a while.

"I never had a chance to congratulate you on your election as chairman and on what, from the press reaction, was obviously a virtuso performance at the press conference. Winnie, (Henry Winston) whom I saw a couple of weeks ago, asked me sepcially to tell you that you had been his choice for the the post and that he had rejoiced when he heard the news over the radio.

"I'm sorry that I missed out on a full-scale report on your adventures. .....gave me a fill-in on the part in which he participated, but both Jessica and I were eager to hear everything from you. I'm not too clear about your schedule, but hope that we'll get a chance to see you before we shove off. Meanwhile, have a good trip, and really stir up the folks. They need it.

"As ever,

/S/ "John"(Abt)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 4/19/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(Weekly summary 4/10-16/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

4/10/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject discussed with his wife, CONNIE, a Kings County CP club meeting which he had attended and addressed that evening. The subject mentioned the names of those present and described some of the comments and responses made by the participants. He stated that he had to emphasize that the elected boards of the Party and not the various commissions make the Party's policy. He said the Party has a definite line and that he told them they could rest assured that it would be carried out.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed BEN DAVIS and the subject stated that DAVIS had made a very sharp attack against BILL PATTERSON. He said this attack on PATTERSON was made through DAVIS' criticism of the Negro Commission.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA held at CP Headquarters, NYC. (NY airtel to Bureau, 4/13/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

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NY 1750-S* advised the subject had told his wife that he had had a conference that day with ARNOLD JOHNSON and PAT TOOHEY. He said that he had criticized TOOHEY and repudiated

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his position and attempted to set him straight on the line he should follow. He said that some of these people like TOOHEY and MIKE KRENOVICH are ignoring him and go in to see ARNOLD JOHNSON when they are at the office. He said that BEN DAVIS has proposed that Defense Work be taken over by BILL PATTERSON and that JOHNSON be moved into another position. He said that this would take PATTERSON out of any relation with Harlem and this is just what DAVIS is aiming for.

He said DAVIS is rotten and his actions are unprincipled and unCommunist. He said they have no relation with Party work. DAVIS is always after those that he thinks are physically unable to stand up to him and BILL PATTERSON is one of these. He said his attitude is sickening and the way he operates is something to behold. If someone were to see he and DAVIS together you would think they were the greatest pals.

He said that GUS HALL recently called in a cablegram to be sent to Russia on the accomplishment in space. He said HALL told him that he should look it over and that if there was anything to be changed to go ahead and change it. He and STACHEL hesitated about sending it and finally after JIM JACKSON formulated it, he sent it. He said there had been some discussion about the wording and it was suggested that it could be discussed at the board meeting at one o'clock but JACKSON had pointed out it would be too late then to put it in "The Worker" so "I said O.K., I'll take responsibility. Send it."

When the board met, DAVIS made a devastating attack on STACHEL because he thinks he is sick and cannot fight back. He said STACHEL told him that he had nothing to do with the cablegram and I finally told him that I had taken complete responsibility. This did not stop DAVIS and he continued to attack STACHEL and called him a white chauvinist. He said STACHEL was quite shaken.

He continued that a week ago, DAVIS, STACHEL and himself had talked about working as a team but that DAVIS would not agree. Then he gets up at the board meeting and says he is the National Secretary of the Party but is not being consulted and is being ignored. He said the way that DAVIS throws the term white chauvinism around is very bad. He commented that the other day, after attacking PATTERSON, PATTERSON had come to see him with tears in his eyes. He said that BEN looks for people who are weak and sick and who he feels are vulnerable and then he beats them down. He said that BEN'S latest is with BOB (THOMPSON). He said that BOB wrote an article which everyone has described as good, but BEN wants to take issue with it. He said BEN is always looking for someone to add to his list.

NY 1749-S* advised that BOB THOMPSON had contacted the subject and they had discussed the stories appearing regarding the activities of General WALKER and the JOHN BIRCH Society in Europe. THOMPSON stated that he thought this was a made-to-order issue and that the Party should come out very strongly regarding it. The subject told THOMPSON that he was in full agreement with this and that there has been quite a bit of interest expressed in the Party's opinion of these developments. He said they had received a call from San Francisco and there is to be a CBS-TV interview with ELIZABETH FLYNN regarding it. He said they also had a call from Associated Press and that somebody was going to interview BEN DAVIS on Monday regarding it. They both agreed to stay in touch regarding the situation.

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NY 1759-S* advised that the subject criticized to his wife the situation regarding clerical help at the CP National Office. He said that most of the people do not come in until 10:30 and they are gone by 4:30. He then mentioned CHARLIE DIRBA "their accountant" and that he keeps the books like a grocery clerk though he does know what he is doing and is a "very nice guy". He said that DIRBA gets $2.00 per hour and works 20 hours per week on these books.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that the Connecticut CP wanted to have BEN DAVIS go up there for their May Day celebration. He said they called DAVIS and asked him and he said he would let them know. He said Connecticut still has not heard from DAVIS.

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Re: Communist Party, U.S.A., Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 19, 1961, that a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), and invited guests, was held on above date at CP Headquarters, New York City, New York. Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA; James Jackson, Editor of "The Worker"; Jack Stachel, member of National Committee, CPUSA; Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA; Louis Weinstock, General Manager of "The Worker"; William Weinstone, member of National Committee, CPUSA; Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA; Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA; Clarence Hathaway, Chairman, New York District, CPUSA; Arnold Johnson, member of National Committee, CPUSA; James Allen, member of National Committee, CPUSA; Hy Lumer, Educational Director, CPUSA.

Arnold Johnson stated that during the past weekend, there was a lot of peace activities with demonstrations taking place in 20 to 25 cities, the largest being in San Francisco. Johnson noted that the New York demonstration received widespread publicity because it was at the United Nations.

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Johnson commented that the Frisco demonstration was of the local type, stimulated by the Quakers and separate from Sane (Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy), and other organizations, whereas the Los Angeles demonstration was a unification of Sane and other groups. The Chicago action represented two divergent groups with the Party creating unity.

Johnson further remarked, according to the confidential source, that the key force in establishing united action in this phase has been the Quakers, whom he said consistently work with the Party privately, but not publicly. Johnson related that the key problem is the role of certain factions within the Socialist Party. He stated the Party's forces were not as effective as they should be because of differences within the Party ranks, but in the main, "our forces" were supporting the actions. Johnson felt that what was needed was to involve the trade union movement in the field of peace. He noted however that there is a danger that the trade union leaders might reassert anti-Communism as part of the peace movement.

According to the confidential source, Gus Hall spoke on the Cuban situation, which he described as serious and crucial in the struggle for peace. Hall said that there will be more such crucial moments in this transitory period and there would be no long periods of tranquillity.

Hall said that the United States involvement in the Cuban invasion is becoming generally accepted around the world. He said it was a serious blow to the prestige of the United States and to the Kennedy Administration. Hall described the Cuban invasion as unsuccessful and now the United States Government has the choice of either accepting this setback or else to become more involved, and in either case the United States faces difficulties. He said that it was crucial for the Party to do

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everything to stop any further direct involvement by the armed forces of the United States in the Cuban situation. Hall felt that the Party should work in the direction of slogans such as "Cuba for the Cubans", "Clear Out the Invaders from Our Shores", "World Peace is More Important Than the Return of U.S. Corporations to Cuba", or "Invasion, In Any Form, By the United Nations, or the United States is Against the Call of Peace." Hall felt that the Party should work in the direction of getting mass movements to accept these slogans.

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Phil Bart asserted that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is "Trotskyite dominated." He said William Patterson had a discussion with the head of this committee and indicated some of the Party misgivings concerning it. This individual told Patterson that, if the Party feels it can do work in the Committee, "the doors are open."

According to Bart, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has responded and played no small part in the actions of the last few weeks. He stated there have been a number of actions recently which have warranted an increase in activity "in which the Fair Play Committee and our forces" have played an important part. The Saturday (April 15, 1961) action and the Monday (April 17, 1961) action was organized by the May Day Committee and had the support of the Fair Play Committee. The Fair Play Committee has two further actions this week - on April 20, 1961, a Brooklyn meeting and on April 21, 1961, a Union Square (New York City) demonstration. Then there is a plan of action in Washington on Saturday, April 29, 1961. This activity is under the initiative of Fair Play with others giving support. Some of it is under the recommendation and suggestion of the Party. Fair Play feels it can bring out five or six hundred to Washington, D.C.

Advertisements have been placed in two Negro papers, the Baltimore "Afro-American" and a New York paper. An ad will appear in the "New York Times" on April 23, 1961, according to Bart.

With respect to specific action, Bart noted there is a draft of a leaflet specifically aimed at the Negro community which was prepared by William Patterson and will be distributed nationally throughout the Party. He said Party forces should participate in actions developed by Fair Play, help organize them and make them successful.

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Bart announced that the Fair Play Committee is organizing a banquet next week for the purpose of raising funds. He said "the Party should be represented there." He commented that the Committee has maneuverability in spite of its limitations and did play a big part in many of the demonstrative actions in the recent period.

Bart concluded that the Party must take a more formal, positive view and "fight for bringing in our forces as we do in many other movements, to participate in this organization as one of the forces around the question of Cuba."

Jim Allen alleged there are forces in the United States, notably "the extreme right," which are trying to bring about a full scale military involvement of the United States in Cuba and elsewhere, in order to hold back revolutionary tendencies in the world.

James Jackson said the Party might contribute a special Party folder in which would be brought together documentation exposing the machinations of the ruling interests in the assault upon Cuba.

Irving Potash suggested the Party raise the question as to whether President Kennedy's father is influencing foreign policy and should revive the charges of war-mongering, et cetera, that have been made against his father. He proposed the slogan "The American flag must no longer follow the dollar."

Ben Davis suggested the slogan "End this invasion now." He said it must be realized that Kennedy's promise not to intervene was made to try to keep faith with certain liberal forces which supported Kennedy. Davis remarked that "when Khrushchev says that something could happen to interfere with the peaceful work of the American people, he is not just talking through his hat."

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Davis stated the Party must emphasize that this is not a civil war, but an invasion and there is the danger of the situation leading to a world war.

Arnold Johnson commented that "Fair Play must not become, with our participation in it, a duplicate of the Party."

After some discussion as to a date for the next National Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that it be held May 27 - 28, 1961.

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There are transmitted herewith eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum covering a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA and invited guests held on 4/19/61 at CP headquarters, NYC.

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1 - NY 100-84994	(GUS HALL) (415)
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The confidential source utilized was NY 2362-S*.

With respect to PHIL BART's statement appearing in enclosed letterhead memorandum to the effect that a demonstration is planned in Washington, D. C., on 4/29/61, it is noted that this has not yet been confirmed from any other source. NYO will remain alert for any additional information and immediately advise the Bureau and WFO.

WFO is requested to advise the Metropolitan Police of the possibility of a demonstration 4/29/61.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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1 - NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 97-1792-Sub A (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE) (31)
1 - NY 100-140528 (SANE) (41)
1 - NY 100-86624 (CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
1 - NY 100-47142 (UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE) (41)
1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-32825)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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ReNYairtel to Director 3/31/61 and BUlet 4/6/61 captioned as above.

3 - Bureau (100-3-81)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Baltimore (Info)(REGISTERED MAIL)
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1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
1 - 100-4053 (A. HARRY LEVITAN)

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On 4/19 and 20/61, PH 547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that THOMAS NABRIED contacted A. HARRY LEVITAN, Esq., to state he had heard nothing from the State Department (regarding his application for a passport). LEVITAN instructed NABRIED to call the State Department to find out what happened to his application.

The informant learned that NABRIED telephoned the Philadelphia office of the U. S. State Department and was told by that office that that office maintained no records but merely forwarded his passport application to Washington, D. C., on the day it was received. It was suggested that NABRIED telephone the U. S. State Department at Washington, D. C., telephone number REpublic 7-5600, Extension 6601.

Informant learned that NABRIED called Washington, D. C., and spoke with a Mrs. ZEPP (phonetic), telling ZEPP he applied for a passport 4/4/61 at Philadelphia. NABRIED said he had received a letter from the State Department 4/14/61 and stated symbol number PTL LS 130 was on this letter. ZEPP inquired how soon the passport was needed and was reluctantly told by NABRIED that NABRIED has a reservation to leave from New York 4/26/61 by TWA (apparently Trans World Airlines). ZEPP told NABRIED she would have someone check into this matter and would call NABRIED back by telephone.

ReBUlet to WFO instructed that a letterhead memo be submitted when travel plans were definitely known. It is requested that New York verify whether NABRIED has reservations on a TWA flight overseas from New York City leaving 4/26/61. It is possible that the other four CP members who, with NABRIED, are to represent the CPUSA at the May Day celebration in Moscow, will have reservations on the same airline on the same date. If this travel is verified by New York, New York is requested to submit a letterhead memo and identify for the Bureau persons making this trip.

Two copies of this airtel are enclosed for WFO inasmuch as a stop is in effect at the Passport Division of the State Department and WFO is conducting investigation in this matter.

Copies are furnished to the other offices because persons in those offices were on the list of those from whom the five CPUSA representatives would be chosen, and Philadelphia is not aware of the identities of the five persons making the trip to Moscow.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4/21/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO:NY)

ReBulet, 3/31/61, requesting that the Bureau be furnished the identities of the members of the CPUSA National as soon as the composition of this board is resolved, and requesting further that it be determined whether the CPUSA Secretariat is still functioning and whether ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is a member of the Secretariat.

On 4/20/61, NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that to date he has not seen any formal CP document listing the names of the members of the CPUSA National Board, but as a result of conversations with GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, NY 694-S has heard HALL mention, as members, besides himself, of the said National Board, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JAMES JACKSON, JACK STACHEL, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, IRVING POTASH, CLARENCE HATHAWAY, HYMAN LUMER, and PHILIP BART.

2-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
2-Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S) (RM)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1-NY 134-91 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1-NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
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With regard to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, NY 694-S stated that she is not a member of the Secretariat, because, upon formation of the new National Board, which replaced it, the Secretariat ceased to exist. The informant noted that CP communications being sent to various CP districts and referring to the agenda of meetings at CP Headquarters refer to such meetings as "National Board" or "Resident Board" meetings rather than as "Secretariat" meetings.

The informant further noted that top CP functionaries refer "variously and loosely" to the National Board as the "National Executive Board," the "Resident Board," and the "Politburo."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: 21 APR 1961

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 2/27/61, that the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

DATE	ENTERED	DEPARTED	OBSERVED BY SAS
3/23/61	X		[redacted] b6 b7C
3/24/61	X		
3/27/61		X	
3/28/61	X	X	
3/29/61	X		

A log covering the above surveillance is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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..., NEW YORK (100-144189)

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

FREEDOMWAYS
IS-C

On 3/11/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of material in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART from their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Among the material furnished by the source was a photograph of what appears to be "a sponsors subscription" for Freedomways which is described as a quarterly review of the Negro Freedom Movement.

The original photograph of this card is being made an attachment to the subject memo.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-144189)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-143824) 196[illegible]

SA HAROLD P. QUINN(415)

ORGANIZED TENANTS COUNCIL
IS-C

On 3/11/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of material in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART from their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Among the information furnished by the source were photographs of a mimeographed page apparently issued by the "Organized Tenants Council, Incorporated", 54 Wall Street. Attached to this was a mimeographed form apparently a questionnaire which was to be reviewed by one [redacted] describes himself as a Brooklyn [redacted] of the above organization. b6 b7C

Also attached thereto is a reporduction of an article appearing in the "New York Post" on March 23, 1961, connected with Tenants Council activities.

The above photographs are being made an attachment to the subject memo.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-143824)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3) 4/25/61

SAC, NY (100-4031)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO: NY)

It has come to the attention of this office that the Bureau is presently considering changing their chart of organization of the CPUSA containing photographs of the national functionaries.

NY 1637-S* recently observed information at the residence of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CPUSA, indicating that he had applied for a passport and that he had submitted with his application a current photograph which contained an excellent likeness.

It is felt that the above-described photograph contains a far better likeness of BART than the one currently being utilized on the Bureau's chart of organization of the CPUSA.

The WFO is requested to review the files of the Passport Office of the State Department and to obtain a copy of this photograph and to forward it directly to the Bureau for the above-described purpose.

3 - Bureau (100-3)(RM)
(1 - 100-3234)(PHIL BART)
2 - Washington Field (RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-4031)(415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHIL BART
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NY 1750-S* furnished information on 4/9/61 regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

PHIL mentioned to CONNIE that he had seen SID RESNICK the previous day and that their meeting and discussion had been very profitable. He commented that the young people up in Connecticut were doing some good thinking and coming up with new ideas. He said that it was most encouraging

3 - New Haven (100-)
(1-100-) (SID RESNICK)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
(1) - New York (100-56579)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: APR 25 1961

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C

On 3/11/61, NY1637-S* furnished photographs of material in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART from their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Among the material furnished by the source were photographs of the subject's 1960 withholding statements along with copies of his 1960 New York State and United States Federal Income Tax returns.

The original photographs of this mateiral are being made an attachment to the subject memo.

1 - New York (100-12959) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579)

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4264U) DATE: 4/25/61
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION, FACTIONALISM
IS - C

Date received	Received from (name or symbol number)	Received by
4/6/61	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	SAS JOHN A. HAAG RUSSELL H. HORNER

b7D

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

X ☐ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail X ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed _____

Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report
4/6/61

Date(s) of activity
[redacted]

b7D

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting between [redacted]

File where original is located if not attached
[redacted]

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS COMPLETELY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED:

2 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579)
(1 - 100-9505)
(1 - 100-1696)
5 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491)
(1 - 100-25442)
(1 - 100-35106)
(1 - [redacted]

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NK 100-42824

April 6, 1961

Subsequent to a meeting of the National Secretariat in the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) Headquarters, New York on [redacted] were overheard in a heated discussion with [redacted] concerning the fact that [redacted] was teaching a class in Marxism in New Jersey. They all indicated to [redacted] that they felt that [redacted] was pro-Chinese and anti-81 Party Statement. They brought out again all of the criticisms that they had on several occasions made in the past concerning the leftist tendencies of [redacted] was particularly vociferous on the subject and extremely critical in her denouncement of this leftist element. She indicated that she did not want to go to New Jersey on the twelfth and meet with forty or fifty people in a broad liberal type meeting but she said that she would prefer and requested if no other way could be found that a separate gathering be organized on the morning of the twelfth which meeting would be a closed Party meeting and before which she would have an opportunity to speak out in Party terms regarding the 81 Party Statement. She said it would also give her an opportunity to cut down the [redacted] once and for all by indicating that the conferences at Bucharest and Moscow which laid the basis for the 81 Party Statement completely defeated the Chinese viewpoint and was in no way a concession to the Chinese element. She indicated that she could not abide with the teaching that the pro-Chinese elements had received a concession from the Soviet Union in the 81 Party Statement. She indicated that the Chinese were defeated and that those adhering to such beliefs that the Chinese expounded should be denounced.

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284L) DATE: 4/25/61
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION, YOUTH MATTERS
IS - C

Date received	Received from (name or symbol number)	Received by
4/6/61	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	SAS JOHN A. HAAG RUSSELL H. HORNER

b7D

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

[X] in person [ ] by telephone [ ] by mail [X] orally [ ] recording device [ ] written by informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed _____

Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report

4/6/61

Date(s) of activity

[redacted]

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Brief description of activity or material

Private Discussion Between PHIL BART

[redacted]

File where original is located if not attached

[redacted]

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED:

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (RM)
4 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491) [redacted]
(1 - 100-4284-4Q-1) (FARM SECTION)
(1 - [redacted]

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100-56579-5529

NK 100-42841

April 6, 1961

During a meeting of the National Secretariat, COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) USA held on [redacted] PHIL BART was overheard in a private discussion with [redacted] b7D

According to BART, he had received a letter from a [redacted] who apparently is [redacted] in a new and small college known as [redacted] Long Branch, New Jersey. BART indicated that this letter was a request for the club to have a Party leader speak before it and requested the speaker be presented February 20, 1961. [redacted] indicated in his letter that it was the policy of the club to have speakers from various political organizations present to give wide coverage to the various political viewpoints. [redacted] accepted this letter and indicated to BART that he would write [redacted] and state that he would be glad to come down and speak before the club at any convenient date in April. b6 b7C b7D

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-55455) DATE: 4/7/61

FROM : SA LOUIS K. DE GEUS

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D
SCDCP
IS-C

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	[redacted]	2/21/61	Writer	[redacted] wr. b7D

Informant's report is set out as follows:

cc: [redacted]

100-4959 [redacted] SI
100-22689 ([redacted] SI
100-30537 ([redacted] SI
100-44299 ([redacted] SI
100-52571 [redacted] SI
100-26103 [redacted] SI
100-23901 (EDUCATION)
100-24345 (NEGRO QUESTION)
100-26044 (ORGANIZATION)

1 - CHICAGO (REGISTERED) [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

97-16 (P.W.)

9 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED) [redacted] b7D

(PHIL BART) [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES
100-55579-5530

"The staff members of the [redacted] C.P. of the Southern California District, C.P. held a meeting on [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

"There were 4 persons present, namely: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

"The meeting was conducted by the chairman [redacted]

"The first point on the agenda was a report on educational work & classes for the [redacted] C.P. This report was by [redacted] she stated that: b7D

"The discussion around the report on the 81 Communist Parties statement was very weak. This report was given by [redacted] National Committee member, C.P. The report was done at the last enlarged Section committee meeting held on Monday, Feb. 6, 1961. b7D

[redacted] said that the C.P. Club members present at the enlarge Section Board meeting were very slow in speaking or making any comments on the document by the 81 C.Ps. This seems to be because the most of the Club members either have not read the document or they were reluctant or afraid to speak up. The document is repetitious in many ways & a bit confusing. This may account for the comrades reluctance in participating in the discussion. b7D

[redacted] made a proposal that the discussion on the 81 C.Ps. statement be continued, and that the [redacted] begin to prepare for a series of week-end classes in the Section, her proposal was adopted. b7D

"The second point on the agenda was a report by [redacted] from the National C.P. school on Marxism, which she attended in New York City, N.Y. last November or December, 1960. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated there were 10 persons attending this National C.P. school & that they were all housed & fed at the same place, she reported the highlights of the school, which was held daily. The teachers of the C.P. National School were: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] The first Lecturer
"
PHIL BART "
[redacted] a teacher
"
Substituted for [redacted] on lecturing on the Negro Qeustion. [redacted] ould not do so because of other commitments. b7D

[redacted] was also scheduled as lecturer at the C.P. National School. He also could not get there. b7D

[redacted] stated that the classes were very good & enthusiastically filled. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] had her report prepared in writing and [redacted] ade a proposal that [redacted] give another report of the same, but that this report be oral, non-read to test what she had learned at the National C.P. School in terms of publically speaking without a written speech. b6 b7C b7D

"[redacted] proposal on [redacted] report was adopted. b6 b7C b7D

"The 3rd point on the agenda was a discussion on Negro History week & the centennial year.

[redacted] made the following proposals for the celebration of Negro History Week. b7D

"That a leaflet be put out by the [redacted] & the Southern Calif. District C.P. explaining the centennial from the C.P. views in relation to Negro History. b7D

"That a semi-brochure on 'Negro History Week' be gotten out by the [redacted] & that the centennial be tied in on Negro History. b7D

"The 4th point on the agenda was a discussion on the public distribution of the pamphlets on the case of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] made a proposal that the question of the [redacted] pamphlets be discussed at the next enlarged Section Committee meeting, Monday Feb. 20, 1961, so that the report can be taken back to the C.P. Clubs to discuss the clubs quotas on the distribution of the pamphlets, which are 10¢ per copy. Also that the [redacted] get 1000 of the [redacted] pamphlets to be distributed though the C.P. clubs in the Section. b6 b7C b7D

"A district wide committee is being set up for the distribution of these pamphlets to the public.

"The next point on the agenda was a discussion on the re-organization of the C.P. Clubs in the Section, particularly the South Central Club which has less members than any other club in the [redacted] b7D

"A motion was made & adopted that a staff meeting of the Section be held on Monday, Feb. 27, 1961 at [redacted] and that the officers of the South Central Club, C.P. be invited to discuss the strengthening of that club by transferring some others from the larger clubs in the Section into the South Central Club, C.P. b7D

"The last point was on the P.W. Fund drive.

[redacted] made a proposal that the [redacted] C.P. urge the District to try to get [redacted] to Los Angeles for the next District Conference on Negro work instead of [redacted] as has been discussed. The purpose for the change is, if [redacted] re here, the [redacted] Section, C.P. can organize a big fund raising reception around either of these men for the People's World paper fund drive, [redacted] will draw a much larger crowd than [redacted] of Chicago, Ill. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] proposal was discussed & adopted.

ACTION:

Informant orally advised the writer on 2/21/61 that [redacted] had appeared at the above reported meeting after it started, had given her report concerning the National C.P. School on Marxism, which she had attended in New York City, and then had departed. Informant advised that informant had inadvertently failed to include the name of [redacted] with the names of the others named in informants report as having been present at the above described meeting. b6 b7C b7D

Channelizing of the above information was delayed due to numerous Bureau deadline cases, including expedite applicant cases being handled by the writer and also due to illness on the part of the writer.

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning this report and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

b7D

TO: SAC ([redacted] DATE: April 19, 1961

FROM: SA ROBERT C.NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	3/21/61 CP District Board Meeting	3/22/61	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted] b7D

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

1 - Newark (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION

1 - New Haven (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION

1 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)
[redacted]

6 - Richmond (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION
MEMBERSHIP
NEGRO QUESTION
[redacted]
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS

9 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

BEN DAVIS	100-23825
HYMAN LUMER	100-105078
JAMES JACKSON	100-16785
GUS HALL	100-84994
PHIL BART	100-56579

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WORKER
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION

27 - Baltimore
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100-12412
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"Baltimore, Maryland
March 22, 1961

"The following report concerns a Maryland - D. C. CP District Board meeting held March 21, 1961, at the home of [redacted] b7D

In addition to [redacted] b7D District Board members, were present.

[redacted] got the meeting under way at about 8:45 p.m., stating that the agenda would be (1) discussion on the FOPC affair held March 17, 1961, in Baltimore, (2) the date and place of the next CP District Committee meeting, (3) recruiting of CP members (4) a trip to Richmond, Virginia, to be taken by [redacted] for the purpose of organizing the Party in that area, and (5) a report on [redacted] trip to New York City the previous weekend. b7D

After discussing the FOPC affair, all expressed the opinion that it was a step forward for the CP. They then discussed setting up another FOPC affair to be arranged by the local CP Negro Commission within the next two months with [redacted] main speaker. b7D

[redacted] then said that a former CP member from Steel had been present at the March 17, 1961, FOPC affair. [redacted] said this man wanted to return to the CP and they would have to examine the situation closely because of rumors about the man in the past. b7D

[redacted] then said that he knew who [redacted] meant and recalled that the man had left the Party when it was under attack but knew of nothing against him. b7D

[redacted] then said that three Finnish people from his area had attended the March 17, 1961, affair. b7D

After discussion it was decided that April 7, 1961, would be the best date for the District Committee meeting.

They then agreed that [redacted] of the local Negro Commission and CP Trade Union Commission members b7D

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[redacted] should meet with the District Board March 29, 1961, at [redacted] home to prepare final drafts of reports to be made at the District Committee meeting. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] then said that he had talked to [redacted] recently and that [redacted] wanted to return to the CP. [redacted] said that [redacted] should be placed in [redacted] CP Steel Club because [redacted] had been a steelworker in the past and could protect [redacted] and [redacted] Steel Club members. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] then said that [redacted] had come to his home recently and had argued that the leaflet put out by the CP entitled "Hunger Stalks, Maryland!" had been incorrectly worded because no one was hungry in Maryland. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] then became very angry and said that [redacted] attitude was "middle class" and [redacted] was apparently not aware that there were non-union people and people who had no unemployment compensation. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] then expressed the opinion that [redacted] was too argumentative and raised too many questions.

[redacted] then suggested that they should contact [redacted] former CP member, and bring him into the CP. [redacted] agreed and suggested that [redacted] be brought to his home next Thursday night. b6 b7C b7D

All then agreed with [redacted] that [redacted] should be brought back into the Party and placed in [redacted] club.

At about 9:25 p.m. [redacted] CP Ship Club member, came to the house and after greeting them said that he was apparently at the wrong meeting. b7D

[redacted] was told to stay and join in the rest of the meeting. b7D

[redacted] then said that he planned to bring [redacted] and [redacted] into the CP but did not want to recruit all of them by himself. He suggested that [redacted] or [redacted] should be present. This was agreed upon and it was decided that [redacted] was to attend the meeting b6 b7C b7D

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which was to be held next Friday night.

[redacted] then said that since [redacted] b7D
Secretary, had not come to Baltimore to hold educational classes, they should proceed on their own and suggested setting up classes once a month on a Sunday with the pamphlet "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism" used as a textbook. The rest agreed.

[redacted] then said that on March 18, 1961, he went to New York City to talk to [redacted] for the South, about Party work in the South. He turned to [redacted] and said he would see him later about that. b7D

[redacted] then said that while he was in New York the previous weekend he met with [redacted] and [redacted] for the purpose of discussing [redacted] request to be restored to CP membership. [redacted] said that [redacted] were in favor of reinstating [redacted] but wanted the Baltimore CP to review the situation since he had been expelled from the Party in that area. [redacted] said that everyone was in agreement that [redacted] could not be made a CP leader. b7D

[redacted] then said that he was in favor of it. b7D

[redacted] said that he would have to think about it since, as he understood it, [redacted] had been expelled for molesting the wives of comrades. He said this might hurt the recruitment of people who had originally left the Party because of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] then said that he would draw up a letter which represented the views of the District and they could discuss the wording of the letter and change it if necessary. b7D

[redacted] then said that while he was in New York the last weekend [redacted] told him that he wanted to meet with [redacted] and [redacted] and discuss conditions in the Party that they should know. [redacted] said he intended to do this on March 17, 1961, but too many people were around. b7D

[redacted] then said that while talking to [redacted] in New York, [redacted] told him that [redacted] had mentioned on March 17, 1961, b7D

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about taking a trip to Richmond, Virginia, to bring back former Negro comrades into the CP. [redacted] said that [redacted] thought that [redacted] ideas on the matter were sound and should be carried out and wanted [redacted] to go to Richmond the following weekend. b7D

[redacted] then said that he would talk more about his trip to New York at another time. [redacted] then gave [redacted] $35 from the Steel Club and told [redacted] to use it as expense money for his trip to Virginia and they could settle the account later. b7D

Upon inquiry from [redacted] as to how the trip to Virginia would be carried out, [redacted] said that he had already talked to CP members [redacted] from Virginia about contacting Negroes and that they had agreed to arrange for such contacts. [redacted] said after he got to Virginia and met with former Negro comrades there he planned to set up a meeting of former Negro and white comrades about a month later. [redacted] said this would then lead to a Party organization and the election of officers. [redacted] said that after that the Party could communicate with MEYERS or [redacted] directly until they were ready to communicate with CP Headquarters in New York. [redacted] said after this was done in Richmond he planned to do the same thing in Roanoke, Virginia. b6 b7C b7D

All agreed that this was a good arrangement.

[redacted] then said that as to the current fight against the HCUA there was a man present at the FOPC affair of March 17, 1961, who told him that the meeting had been set up March 25, 1961, to discuss fighting the HCUA. [redacted] said that [redacted], CP Community Section member, knew nothing of this meeting. [redacted] explained that this man had telephoned him and told him that the people who were to meet March 25, 1961, were school teachers, members of [redacted] group, and socialists. [redacted] said he knew of no CP members in the group. He added that [redacted] had agreed to work with this organization which was called "The Maryland Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee." b7D

[redacted] then gave [redacted] a letter from [redacted] from Richmond, Virginia, asking for three of the books "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism." b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] then got two of these books from [redacted] and arranged to

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get another one from [redacted] on Thursday night to take with him to Virginia. b7D

[redacted] then gave [redacted] a letter from PHIL BART addressed to [redacted] stating that a CP press meeting to build "The Worker" was to be held April 15, 1961, at Party Headquarters in New York City with three states planning to send representatives. These included Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. The letter concluded by asking Maryland to send a representative. After discussion it was decided that LEE would attend the meeting. b7D

[redacted] then gave [redacted] 4 copies of a letter from [redacted] dated March 14, 1961, which announced that the next CP National Negro Commission meeting was to be held April 8 and 9, 1961, in New York City. The agenda in the letter was set out as (1) significance of coming conventions of Negro mass organizations, (2) unemployment and the Negro, (3) some features of youth work, and (4) miscellaneous. Those attending were instructed to report to Party Headquarters at 11:30 a.m., March 8, 1961. b7D

[redacted] then passed out copies of most recent issue of the "New World Review" and the meeting ended about 11:00 p.m." b7D

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-13-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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"I sent all information to N.Y. for Gus (Hall). If I had been told to send all data to the Control Com. (Commission) I would have done so-and saved time, in sending it directly to you.

"On the Peace Corps - I was asked at the press conference in N.Y. what I thought of it. I replied! - 'A peace corps is certainly better than a war corps! If they will go to other countries in a spirit of mutual aid and not to boss them or direct them, they can do good. But it is well to remember that newly liberated countries are proud and self respecting and will not tolerate interference or domination.' I did not want to condemn the idea completely. I do not know who the particular person spreading misinformation might be.

"I had a letter from Hy (Lumer). He is still uncertain as to what may happen. He asked for a leave of absence, in the event of a delay, and got into a hassle about it, I judge.

"Peggy is still disturbed about a conversation she had with Gus. His remarks re [redacted] disturbed her a great deal, especially as Dorothy (Healey) repeated them, as he said them to her. Also Mickie complained that Gus had discussed him and how he behaved in re the (William) Schneiderman business in the S.U. with Rose Chernin of L.A. who repeated it there. Can you suggest to Gus not to talk so freely with people about others? It travels all over the country, unfortunately. So far I have heard nothing of Mickie's alleged remarks here, as yet. He has asked me to report in several places on the 81 (meeting of 81 Communist and Workers Parties, Moscow, November, 1960). I spoke on my trip last night at his home to about 30 - a large number students.

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"If what I have written thus far on either Seattle or Oregon is not clear enough, let me know. A lot of what I wrote is in the nature of confidential information and should be so regarded by your Com.

"I tried to get all the facts together but not in the nature of 'charges.' If they can be handled on a different level it will be better, especially as the members do not know of it all.

"Peggy is having some jitters like Mike (Gold). I told her to keep in communication with you and you will take care of all details or tell her who will, like visa, ticket etc.

"Except for Hy and your letters, I have heard from no one in N.Y.C. since I left - but two brief notes from Phil re the Calif. dates. No wonder the people out here complain so much. They feel completely isolated. They say they get no reports from commissions, no answers to letters etc. and see no one.

".....

"Elizabeth"

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On April 10, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a two-page handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), and dated April 8, 1961, at San Francisco, California.

The letter was photostated by the Chicago Office on April 10, 1961, and the original returned to the source on that date. One photostat of this letter had been made an exhibit and will be found in Chicago File 100-33741-1B3(200).

Two photostats of this item are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below, except for the deletion of minor personal data, is the verbatim content of the above-noted letter. The information appearing in parenthesis was supplied by the source on April 10, 1961, for purposes of assistance in interpretation of the contents set forth therein:

"San Francisco - Calif.
"April 8 - 1961 -

"Dear..... : - By now I am really burned up! Two big envelopes came from 26 St. (CP, USA, National Headquarters) but all they contained were letters they were forwarding. Meantime Mickie (Lima) got a memo on the last meeting & on May Day preparations. I wrote Phil (Bart) a hot protest. Probably that smug dame there is either sending it to my home address or putting it in the box there on the floor. Phil never acknowledged the two memos on the N.W. - clippings and a report on meetings I sent for Gus (Hall). Even your diplomatic explanation doesn't fit this situation. I have either written or sent cards to every body there. But all I get is a profound silence. It's ridiculous. Well, enough grouching. It does <u>not</u> apply to <u>you</u>. I rec'd your nice letter of April 7 - this am. Here at the hotel I get them the next day. You are quite right. Everybody in the center should be ordered to go out for at least a month to other districts. You learn a lot attending their local meetings and <u>listening</u> to them discuss. We do not fully

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"appreciate there that we are beginning to make a big turn around the country. To judge by N.Y. is all wrong. It is sick compared to other places. By the way, I did not say anything about WW (William Weinstone) in relation to N.Y. that I recall. I think I said he'll probably take over Hy's (Lumer) work now. Guess you're mixing my letters with some one else. It is no wonder they feel neglected out here and tend to become a Pacific Coast autonomous region. It's terrible about Jim W. (West) and others. I wrote him and to Hy, of course. Am sending a nice birthday card to Johnny G. (Williamson) in England, with regards from all of us. We should make up a list of party conferences etc. ahead of time, to be able to send them our greetings. We could assign one person to do this - may be an older person, not too busy, /Oakley Johnson would be good. He's in touch with the U.N. people/. We'll talk it over. I sent condolence cards to Bill (Schneiderman) & Ben (Dobbs). Hope others do too. Well, last night was a fine farewell to Mike (Gold). A whole group of young people. He attracts them. One of his sons works as a longshoreman and is married. The other just returned from Cuba. Among those present was [redacted] and one of his lovely daughters, who walked in the peace march. Also [redacted] Johnny's widow - totally blind, but remarkably competent. Mickie & I brought one stray lamb back to the fold - Gus' friend from Minn. - the lady who was in Cuba. She walked in the peace march & is now on the Peace Com. We are going to see [redacted] & Beth too. [redacted] called me & I'll see them next week. Young [redacted] is out here, living in Oakland, & has rejoined. Tell Gus, Mickie says he's quite sobered up. Says he's no Jr. any more but himself. Mike was still flustered. I took the liberty of giving him your phone & told him to call you, collect, if necessary. Also gave him your brother's phone, for emergency. He was worried because Gus isn't in N.Y.C. Mickie gave him money to go to N.Y. We both reassured him & I gave him a list of addresses of Americans in all the countries, so he'd feel more secure. I urged him to go everywhere, stay as long as possible, and write about his experiences. I hope it was O.K. to give him your phone, etc.

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"He needs guidance - he's rather helpless. Not like V. J. (Jerome) of course - just inexperienced. Do let me know as soon as you hear about Geraldyne (Lightfoot). I pray it will be O.K. She has a great fear of cancer. I sent her and Vera cards - I try to do all the social amenities.....
..... Elizabeth"

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-13217) DATE: 4/18/61

FROM : SA H. EDWARD McNULTY

SUBJECT: [redacted] Approved [redacted] b7D

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100-19872 [redacted]
100-3252
65-703
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100-13305
65-534 (WHATCOM SECTION)
100-23650 (CI PROGRAM)
100-19222 (NEGRO MATTERS)
100-24807 (INT-WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY)
65-1102 (SPOKANE SECTION)

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Informants furnished following written report:

"March 24, 1961 "6:PM 'til 1:AM
Casa Villa on eastlake;
Washington Hall -14th &E. Fir
Cocktail Lounge -couple blocks north of
Congo Room on broadway

"Re: [redacted] b7D

"Casa Villa - - - - cocktails, dinner with wine, 6:15PM - 8:PM
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"Washington Hall - - - - - 8:15PM - 11:PM

"Cocktail Lounge on broadway: 11:25PM - 12:45 A.M
[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] presented with: Orchid Corsage, pint Irish Whiskey and pair of decorative pins from Italy. b7D

[redacted] said - [redacted] was driven to Bellingham last Wednesday by [redacted] instead of [redacted] - - That [redacted] remarked upon her return from Bellingham, that [redacted] brought back a case of beer and didn't even offer her [redacted] a drink after the dry Bellingham meeting. b7D

[redacted] said - [redacted] and [redacted] will drive [redacted] to Portland, Oregon, tomorrow - -- that they will pick [redacted] up at the Stratford Hotel at 10:12AM. b7D

[redacted] said - her Portland visit includes a speaking engagement at Reed College this monday afternoon -and also a meeting with the CP state board in Portland and a meeting with another Party group. [redacted] said - she has two speeches she uses - - - one is on her travel abroad and tour of socialist countries, -and the other is about the 81 Party Conference which is reserved for Party gatherings only - - - that she was not a delegate to the 81 Party Conference, but merely an observer. b7D

[redacted] said - in a letter she just received from PHIL BART, he (PHIL) was still not able to give her any schedule for her California visit - - that PHIL indicated in his letter that California is still trying to decide on whether or not they should attempt a May Day parade - - [redacted] said -that California seems to be having difficulty organizing themselves at present - - - - and that the midwest has not yet agreed on details of her scheduled visit either so maybe she can just vacation in the midwest - - - - [redacted] commented - that she thinks PHIL BART has scared her scheduled areas into indicision with his constant reference in letter contact of her age and failing health. b7D

[redacted] commented - that the northwest area has more people active in mass work than any other area - - and that many more young people attend meetings her - - and that this area is politically superior in many ways in spite of the strong reactionary influences at work here. b7D

[redacted] mentioned - that she was thrilled to have Canadian comrades at her Bellingham meeting - - that she knew the [redacted] from Vancouver when they lived in the east - - that Bellingham seems intent upon voicing grievances rather than concentrating on enhancing the Party position by political achievements. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said - that [redacted] (in East Berlin, Germany) is now in charge of radio broadcast to Africa, in english - - that she ([redacted] is aware that [redacted] desires to return to the U.S., but such a desire is not realistic at present - - that [redacted] if allowed to return to the U.S. could not hope to find a job as well paying and secure as the one she now holds in the G.D.R. -and we (CP) aren't likely to find a political replacement for [redacted] abroad - - that part of the unrest in the eastern countries, and this holds true with [redacted] -is the shortage of men as a source of consultation and stability. b7D

[redacted] commented - that she ([redacted] doesn't think that [redacted] will return to this country - - - - and that Mrs. [redacted] is still indefinite as to any plans to join her husband in the U.S.S.R. b7D

[redacted] said - that while in the socialist countries, she [redacted] stayed only in Party sponsored establishments - - that she wouldn't stay in a tourist or government dwellings because she had no desire to be seen or to talk to inquisitive travellers - - - - - that she contacted her U.S. attorney before she visited Hungary because she had no intention of violating her passport -and that she was very relieved when her U.S. attorney advised her that passport restriction on U.S. citizens travel to Hungary had been withdrawn since her departure from the United States. b7D

[redacted] mentioned - having been a guest in Rumania, Albania, G.D.R., U.S.S.R., Hungary and Czechoslovakia - - that she did not go to Poland - - - that Rumania is the hi-light of her trip and her 1st choice when relating her travel experiences in socialist countries - - that she stayed in a rest sanitarium for 28 days in the U.S.S.R. and received a thorough medical checkup - that she received H3 treatment, which Soviet doctors assured her would not make her younger but would ease discomforts of old age. [redacted] commented - that she hopes to travel abroad again and has a real desire to include Mongolia in her next travel itinerary. b7D

[redacted] (when speaking of desire to return to socialist countries) - urged [redacted] to get a passport - - - - [redacted] suggesting the possibility that [redacted] might accompany her as her bodyguard when she travels abroad again - - - - [redacted] saying to [redacted] -that hearing about the socialist countries is no substitute for seeing a socialist society in its progressive stages. b7D

[redacted] said - that while in Moscow, [redacted] from California was supposed to speak at a youth meeting on the Negro Question in the U.S. - - that [redacted] was in the hospital in Moscow at the time, so [redacted] spoke to the youth about the Negro Question in the U.S. - - - and that one of the California delegation to the International Assembly of Women who was invited to the Soviet Union following the assembly in Copenhagen, -disrupted the youth meeting in Moscow by insisting that the Negro Question in the U.S. should not be aired to this Soviet meeting youth - - - that after considerable pro and con discussion, the woman from California very enbarrassingly agreed that the Soviet youth should be made aware of the U.S. treatment of the Negro race. [redacted] said - she ([redacted] is convinced that this b7D

California woman did not dream up this opposition to revealing U.S. treatment of negroes to the Soviets - - that the California woman was merely doing the bidding of [redacted] an attorney from California. [redacted] said - the California delegation to the International Assembly of Women held in Copenhagen and who were invited to visit the Soviet Union, were a headache to her [redacted] during their Soviet stay - that most of the California women were rich freeloaders whose only interest in socialist countries was to be able to say 'I have been there'. [redacted] said - a member of the California delegation to the International Assembly of Women who was not invited to be a guest of the Soviet Union, gave her [redacted] a real nasty tongue lashing because [redacted] was delegated to choose the fifteen women who were to be guests of the Soviet Union from the International Assembly of Women and didn't see fit to include her as on of the fifteen, and after [redacted] had promised this woman she could be guest of Soviets - - [redacted] said - 'and what right did [redacted] have to make such a promise - he [redacted] has no say in such matters.'

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"Speaking of the Inernational Assembly of Women held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in April of 1960, [redacted] said - that the Copenhagen women's committee was very hostile to the U.S. delegation to the assembly - - that they were opposed to her [redacted] speaking at the assembly.

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[redacted] commented - - that there is a move on in the socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union, to get the population to drink champagne and other beverages of lesser alcoholic content, and to lower the sale and consumption of vodka - - - that as far as she was concerned, there was no limit to alcoholic intake for her and other Party Soviet guests - - - - and that when KRUSHCHEV was asked if he was not fearful of Soviets endangering their health by partaking of high calorie content foods, KRUSHCHEV answered that his people were hungry for so long that he hasn't the heart to deprive them of their craving for food yet, but that he will consider a more rigid diet for his people when they have their bellies full.

"Washington Hall; -Setting:
First glance when approaching Washington Hall:
All surrounding parking space filled.
Police car near front entrance -across street.
Pickets carrying placards mulling around front entrance on sidewalk.
First glance inside Washington Hall:
Hall packed - standing room only (and that only in kitchen or hallway)
Concentrated study to locate familiar face.
Two priests readily noticeable by attire.
Majority of crowd of college age.
Handful of CP members known -spotted thruout seated strangers.
Even strangers seated in kitchen.

[redacted] Peoples World, chaired [redacted] meeting. b7D

[redacted] - spoke on monopoly control in U.S. - - then introduced [redacted] b7D

[redacted] - spent considerable time telling of her background as labor organizer from early youth -then spoke of advanced industrial and economic growth in socialist countries which she had visited recently - - and blamed Cardinal Menzentie for 1956 uprising in Hungary.

[redacted] - gave pitch for the People's World and strssed the papers importance in the struggle of the working class cause. b7D

"Throughout all four speeches [redacted] - hecklers interrupted with 'that's a lie'; - - 'why don't you tell the truth?' - - 'you call yourself an American' - - 'Communist Party can't take credit for unions' - - 'thank God for Boeings, AT&T and General Motors' - - - - - - - - - clapping of hecklers did not coincide with speakers intent in remarks - - - - laughing out of order, too - - - - - - - - - each speaker, and particularly [redacted] suggested that persons not interested in hearing what speaker had to say, leave the hall - - - - hecklers suggested that written questions sent to [redacted] were stacked b7D

by Party members, a fact which Miss [redacted] denied - - - - - someone shouted 'why isn't the American flag displayed here?' - - - - several times Miss [redacted] reminded audience that question and answer period was limited to 45 minutes - that questions were requested in writing to lessen questionnaire chance to give speach. Throughout [redacted] speach - - [redacted] and other CP members kept a constant watch for any outbreak of violence against speaker. In spite of unrest at [redacted] meeting - something in the neighborhood of $250. was collected during PW pitch by [redacted]

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"Few seconds after [redacted] completed her proposed 45 minute question and answer period, -she [redacted] was helped into hat and coat and ushered past audience on south side of first floor hall and taken thru kitchen and thru north side hall entrance to car and driven away.

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"Cocktail lounge on broadway; Drinks, food and talk:

[redacted] commented - that not since Spokane organizing has she confronted the reactionary crowd she addressed this nite at Washington Hall - - that this nites Washington Hall meeting, while trying and tiring for her, was also a test of endurance and a preview of what she can expect to encounter in her travels as chairman of the CPUSA at the hands of the fascist forces coming out in the open in this country - - - - that while anti-communist hecklers at the Washington Hall meeting were seemingly well organized, the Party won a real victory by not allowing the reactionary forces to take over or stop the meeting - - that several of the young people at the meeting came up to her and shook hands with her and wanted her to know that they were not part of the disrupting element - - that one young man who had heckled her in the first part of her speach, apologized to her after the meeting - - that it is quite possible that many of the hecklers will review history and begin to question the control by monopoly in this country and U.S. imperialism in underdeveloped countries in Latin American countries and abroad - - that she noticed many young people seemed to be intent upon hearing what she had to say, which indicates that the disrupting forces at the Washington Hall meeting might not have been in the majority. [redacted] (in a patting herself on the back way)

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commented -that she felt she did a good job in discouraging physical violence and keeping the meeting going in the smoothest way possible under the circumstances - - - [redacted] gave [redacted] a verbal pat on back for seeing that she was [redacted] of the meeting immediately and without incidence - - [redacted] commenting -that [redacted] consistently advised that the first obligation to a speaker is to get the speaker out first and safely. [redacted] commented - that she thought [redacted] and [redacted] particularly [redacted] spoke too long at the Washington Hall meeting. [redacted] said - she feels that the reason police were present outside Washington Hall this nite is because the government did not want any show of violence which might cause eastern countries to pull out of planned participation in Century 21 - - - - that in the future, it would be wise to charge admission to meetings in which CP speakers are on the agenda, so that reactionary forces are discouraged from attending and disrupting - - that CP members could be given complimentary tickets and outsiders charged.

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"At cocktail lounge across street from 8th and Stewart bus terminal:

"[redacted] and [redacted] having left for home - - [redacted] [redacted] safe at Stratford Hotel)

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[redacted] commtented - that [redacted] will have much to relate to the NC about her northwest travels - - that the CP national leaders might just be considering in the very near future the grooming of a younger person, like [redacted] for national leadership - - - that [redacted] prestige will be raised in the eyes of the NC after [redacted] has related her northwest experiences to them - that [redacted] and [redacted] will support [redacted] favorable reaction to the northwests political accomplishments, as [redacted] have both been eye witnesses.

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ACTION: None. Sources could furnish no further information, and agent has taken all necessary action.

Route 1 cc Chicago Office Reg. Mail
" 2 cc Los Angeles Office Reg. Mail
" 1 cc Portland Office Reg. Mail
" 1 cc San Francisco Office Reg. Mail
" 6 cc New York Office Reg. Mail

FBI

DATE: 4/19/61

Transmit the following via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
IS-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel, 3/31/61, furnishing a list of 13 individuals from whom, according to GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, he would choose five to represent as delegates, the CPUSA at the May Day celebration in Moscow provided they were able to secure passports.

3-Bureau (100-3-81) (RM)
1-Baltimore (100-) (JACOB GREEN) (RM)
2-Chicago (100-) (LOU DISKIN) (RM)
(1-100-3313) (JACK KLING)
1-Cleveland (100-) (EDWARD CHAKA) (RM)
1-Detroit (100-8482) (TOM DENNIS) (RM)
1-Los Angeles (100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (RM)
1-Milwaukee (100-) (FRED BLAIR) (RM)
2-Minneapolis (100-371) (SAM DAVIS) (RM)
(1-100-) (ELLEN DAVIS)
1-Philadelphia (65-1686) (TOM NABRIED) (RM)
1-NY 134-91 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-56 (MIKE DAVIDOW) (414)
1-NY 100-118174 (MILTON ROSEN) (414)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1-NY 100-86624 (415)

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On 4/19/61, NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C.BURLINSON that in a conference with GUS HALL on 4/18/61, the latter told him the following:

It is still not definite who will represent the CPUSA as delegates to the May Day Celebration in Moscow, but at the moment the following persons are most likely to be delegates thereto: DOROTHY HEALEY, JACOB GREEN, MIKE DAVIDOW, LOU DISKIN, JACK KLING, ARNOLD JOHNSON, SAM DAVIS, and the latter's wife ELLEN DAVIS.

HALL noted that he expected to see DOROTHY HEALEY in NYC within a few days; that SAM DAVIS as yet does not have a passport, but that ELLEN DAVIS does have a passport; and that if DAVIDOW should insist on the Party's reimbursing him for money lost as a result of being away from his job, DAVIDOW would not be included in the delegation. HALL said he expected to discuss this matter with DAVIDOW in the immediate future.

According to NY 694-S, he called to HALL's attention the fact that the delegation was to have included only five persons. HALL stated that two groups of delegates would go to Moscow, one representing the CPUSA National Committee, and the other representing "factory workers." HALL indicated that he did not feel bound to restrict the delegation to only five persons, and that even others, besides those mentioned, might go as delegates.

It should be noted that HALL made no mention of EDWARD CHAKA, TOM DENNIS, FRED BLAIR, TOM NABRIED, MILTON ROSEN, and PHIL BART, who were originally among the thirteen individuals from whom HALL was to have chosen five as delegates to the May Day celebration.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter closely with NY 694-S, and upon determination of those individuals who definitely will represent the CPUSA at the May Day celebration in Moscow, a letterhead memorandum reflecting such names will be submitted to the Bureau.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 4/25/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA-40; ISA-50
(Weekly summary 4/17-23/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

4/17/61

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA held at CP National Headquarters, NYC. (NY airtel to Bureau, 4/18/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

NY 1749-S* advised that BETTY GANNETT had attempted to contact the subject to tell him about the demonstrations which had taken place that day on behalf of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee. GANNETT told the subject's wife, CONNIE, that there had been more than a thousand people participating and that they had marched to the UN. CONNIE said that she would tell the subject when he returned home.

4/18/61

NY 1750-S* advised the subject related to his wife that a terrific argument had taken place that day at the National Office between BEN DAVIS and JACK STACHEL and had ended with DAVIS walking out. He said that DAVIS had blamed STACHEL for the printing of an article over which there was still some dispute. He said that DAVIS is a "crazy leftist" and that some day he will put the Party in a position from which it will be hard to recover.

2 - Bureau (100-3284)(RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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BART said that BETTY GANNETT had said to him that they should have an open fight with no holes barred with DAVIS. He said he told her that DAVIS knows that the organization is not ready to take him on and that it does no good to take on those around him in order to get at him. CONNIE said that she agreed with him, however, she felt that he actually was not accomplishing anything with his approach and that in reality he is just taking a position of disagreement with everything. At this point, the subject and his wife engaged in a furious argument over the approach to the "DAVIS question."

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had attempted to contact SID TAYLOR in Connecticut but had spoken to TAYLOR'S wife instead. The subject told her to tell TAYLOR that LOUIS WEINSTOCK would be at the meeting on May 1st as TAYLOR had requested.

4/19/61

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA held on that date at CP Headquarters. Most of the meeting was taken up with a report by the subject on the activities of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee in protest of the invasion of Cuba. The subject also reported on various activities planned by this committee and encouraged the Party's participation in them. (NY airtel to Bureau, 4/20/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject remarked to his wife, CONNIE, while making plans for a coming weekend that the NEC meeting schedule had been postponed all the way to May. CONNIE then related that she was having a Kings County CP organizational meeting at their residence that evening.

Source advised that the above meeting took place but was unable to furnish too many details regarding it.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject's wife during a conversation with LENA SCHERER had commented that the subject had left NY that morning for the weekend and would be returning the following evening.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject returned to his residence late that evening and had been questioned by his wife as to "how his trip to Boston was". The subject stated that he had taken a train earlier Saturday morning which had gotten him to Boston at 2:40 PM but that he had to wait until 4:45 PM in order to get a train to Glouster.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-236194) 4/25/61

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JOHN ABT
IS-C

ReNYlet, 4/20/61, advising that according to GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, JOHN ABT had resigned as CPUSA attorney.

On 4/24/61, NY 694-S informed SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on 4/21/61, GUS HALL told him the following:

HALL contacted ABT on 4/20/61, and severely criticized ABT for having sent to CP Headquarters, while HALL was out of town, his letter of resignation as CPUSA attorney. ABT contended that he had not known at the time that HALL was out of town. HALL also told ABT that "Party members do not resign positions."

In reply to HALL's inquiry why he wished to resign, ABT stated that he was being ignored and mistreated by the Party, that he was "fed up," and that he was receiving no compensation for his legal services to the Party.

HALL asked ABT whether it was not true that HALL recently had given ABT some money, and that HALL had promised to investigate why ABT had not been paid for his services. ABT admitted that this was so but added, "You have done nothing about it."

According to HALL, PHIL BART, CPUSA Organization Secretary, was responsible for ABT's not being compensated for his services.

HALL told ABT that for the latter to resign at this time "would be awkward for everybody," and he further told ABT that as General Secretary of the Party, he declined to accept ABT's resignation.

2-Bureau (100-236194) (RM)
1-NY 134-91 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
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HALL and ABT agreed to discuss the matter further at another time, ABT continuing to insist, however, that he desired to resign as CP attorney.

HALL said that he would arrange that hereafter ISADORE WOFSY pay ABT forhis services on a weekly or monthly basis.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-428091) 4/26/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637)

SOLO
IS-C
(CO: NY)

Re NY airtel to Bureau, dated 2/20/61, captioned as above, advising that $7,000 had been received from a Soviet source for transmittal to the CP of Puerto Rico "for expenses."

Reference also NY let to San Juan, dated 3/8/61, captioned "CP of Puerto Rico, IS-C," furnishing information previously reported to the Bureau regarding the aforesaid $7,000.

On 4/25/61, NY 694-S advised that in a recent conference with GUS HALL, CP,USA General Secretary, the latter stated that he had not sent any of the aforesaid $7,000 to the Puerto Rican CP and did not intend to do so until he knew more about the "internal situation" of the Puerto Rican CP, of which he was "doubtful and suspicious." HALL stated he considered the Puerto Rican CP "unreliable."

HALL said he had given over $3,000 of the $7,000 to PHIL BART, CP,USA Organizational Secretary, to reimburse the Party for funds previously sent to the Puerto Rican CP, particularly for "electrical equipment." HALL indicated that he intended to turn over more of these funds to PHIL BART for the use of the CP,USA.

3 - Bureau (100-428091) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (CP OF P.R.)
1 - San Juan (100-20) (CP OF PUERTO RICO) (AMRM)
1 - New York (134-91) (Inv.) (41)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-74560) (CP,USA - FUNDS) (415)
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
April 27, 1961

Bufile 100-3-69

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 26, 1961, that a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) and invited guests, was held on above date at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City. Among those in attendance were:

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of National Committee (NC), CPUSA
William Weinstone, member of NC, CPUSA
James Jackson, Editor of "The Worker"
Ben Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA
Betty Gannett, Educational Director, New York District (NYD), CP
Morris Childs, member of NC, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
James Allen, member of NC, CPUSA
Danny Rubin, Youth Director, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA

William Weinstone opened the meeting and presented a brief summary on the French-Algerian situation. He said the French generals "miscalculated" in France as did the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Kennedy Administration in Cuba.

Weinstone commented that the Communist Party in France has struggled for Peace in Algeria and real self-determination since 1951, but felt there was no guarantee of real self-determination. He said that the view of the French CP has been that Charles DeGaulle is an expression of the main body of monopoly capital and this monopoly capital is aligned with world imperialist forces.

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Weinstone said that the French Party centered everything on defeating the rebellion and directing the main blow against the generals, but in doing so, it did not align itself with DeGaulle.

Following Weinstone's report, it was proposed that Gus Hall, in the name of the CPUSA leadership, send a telegram to the French Parliament on their role in the victory for the people of France.

Phil Bart spoke on the Cuban invasion which he said was carried through by the CIA and since the invasion "fiasco", the forces that have been withdrawn are again under American Military control in Puerto Rico.

Bart said that there is no assurance of further direct steps against Cuba in the immediate future. He believed that there will be no further military intervention at the moment, but thought there might be some economic steps taken against Cuba. He said that as a result of the invasion failure there will be many expressions of a partisan point of view and as a result of this, the Party must participate and find forms for expression.

Continuing BART stated that there has been a number of demonstrations by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and other supporters throughout the country. He remarked that from reports received from various sections of the country, it is clear that their actions went far beyond what was organized by "us" or by the "Fair Play Committee" itself.

Bart said that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has been an important instrument for the rallying of the left and other forces. He noted, however, that the "Trotskyite" influence in the committee has not declined.

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Organization

Bart also stated that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is organizing a demonstration in Washington, D. C. for Sunday, April 30, 1961, and following that a two-week vigil before the CIA is being organized. He thought the vigil was being organized by a non-violent committee for Cuban independence. Bart said that this plan makes it possible for a considerable amount to be done on "our" part and thought the Party should find some sort of support for this vigil, focus attention not only on CIA and Cuba, but also on peace for our country.

Informant advised that following Bart's report, discussion took place in which it was stated that the new danger is that the United States Government is looking to provoke a situation and openly intervene in Cuba with American arms. It was stated that Party slogans were most important and the Party should make two things clear:

First, the United States Government has no business to tell Cuba what kind of a government it should have and, secondly, the United States and Cuba should meet to negotiate all outstanding questions.

James Allen commented that in view of the present world situation he was in favor of a meeting between Premier Khrushchev and President Kennedy.

Gus Hall said that it was necessary now to do a big job on the Puerto Ricans and initiate something among the Puerto Ricans to the effect that their soil should not be used for war or aggression. Ben Davis was of the opinion that President Kennedy's meetings with Republican leaders are meetings of a sinister character and are designed to lay the basis and create conditions for military intervention in Cuba.

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Davis said that the Party should attack President Kennedy for meeting with such people as Governor Rockefeller, Eisenhower, Truman and Barry Goldwater, but rather he should be meeting with Trade Unionists, Negro people and representatives of peace loving people in the country.

Davis commented that there is a weakness in the peace movement because it was unable to stop the invasion of Cuba. He said that it was stupid to call President Kennedy a murderer, the invaders were murderers. He felt that the Party should strike a very heavy blow at the CIA and hold President Kennedy responsible.

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Organization

Danny Rubin next gave a report on his recent trip to the Midwest and his trip to the West Coast. With reference to the mass developments among youth, Rubin noted there is a certain leveling off in the North in the struggle for Negro rights and a number of new developments of a positive character with regard to the Peace Corps. Rubin mentioned a nation-wide petition for a hundred thousand signatures by the Student Peace Union which is against the use of Federal Bureau of Investigation checks in this connection and is also opposed to the use of the Peace Corps as an instrument of the cold war.

Rubin discussed the youth situation in various areas of the county, the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee, and the youth situation with the Party as a whole. Rubin stated that the full weight of the Party should be put into youth work by placing this matter before a major discussion group of the Party, possibly the National Committee.

Rubin made the following proposals:

1. The youth question be placed before the Party for major discussion.

2. Consideration be given for an intensive drive of recruiting youth, with emphasis on concentrating "our" youth forces in the Marxist oriented formations and those organizations which are led by the "left".

3. Thought be given to the Party's thinking on how the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee should operate in terms of issues and activities.

Gus Hall stated that possibly the National Committee should conduct a major discussion on this matter. Hall added that in spite of the smallness in numbers of youth, the Party is making very important headway.

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United States of America -
Organization

Jack Stachel said that at the first meeting of the task force for organizing work of the center, he had proposed that Ben Davis become active as Chairman of the "Org Bureau" and be part of the day to day committee of three to be responsible for execution of all policies coordinating the work of the center. Stachel said that Ben Davis, however, had a different approach to his work.

Ben Davis spoke in his own defense and said that the position of National Secretary of the Party is not needed and as for the position of Chairman of the "Org Commission," it did not appeal to him. Davis said the Party should consider how to make the best use of a comrade with his potential. Davis recommended that the question of his role should be discussed with the National board in executive session. He said he would propose that he go to Harlem to re-establish the Party's relationship with the Negro people.

Informant advised that Gus Hall appeared to be particularly annoyed and commented that Davis had been offered a number of important posts in the Party and turned them all down. He said that the point has been reached where Davis will be a part of this leadership or not and the question will be placed before the leadership of this Party. Hall said that no member of the National Board can continue without a specific responsibility. He said the work of the Board required a Secretary and proposed Jack Stachel for the position.

Informant advised that Stachel said he was willing to serve as Secretary and suggested that Gus Hall and Phil Bart be the other two members of the committee.

Ben Davis said that he was opposed to Jack Stachel as Secretary, but supported the other two individuals on the committee.

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United States of America -
Organization

It was proposed by Stachel that no name be given to the new committee of three.

Gus Hall concluded the meeting by recommending that Hy Lumer be relieved of all his assignments and duties until he comes out of prison. Hall recommended strongly that the role of Ben Davis must be resolved in the very near future, saying it was a serious question affecting the entire leadership of the Party.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 26, 1961, that Ben Davis, following the meeting of the National Board said that Gus Hall and Jack Stachel were trying to force him out of the Party because he was opposed to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn as Chairman of the Party and Stachel as Secretary, as well as for other reasons, which he did not enumerate.

According to the informant, Davis said that if they try to force him out he "will make so much trouble they will regret they ever started it." Davis said he would not be forced out as "it's a matter of pride."

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Date: 4/27/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
IS-C
(OO: New York)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/20/61, captioned as above.

There are transmitted herewith 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum covering a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA and invited guests held on 4/26/61, at CP Headquarters, NYC.

7 - Bureau (100-3-69)(Encls. 11)(RM)
(1 - 100-3-81)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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(1 - 100-3-104)(CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
(1 - 100-3-88)(CPUSA-FACTIONALISM)
3 - Chicago (Encls. 3)(RM)
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(1 - 100-)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - Los Angeles (100-)(ENCL 1)(INFO)(RM)
1 - San Francisco (100-)(ENCL 1)(INFO)(RM)
3 - Washington Field (100-)(Encl. 3)(RM)
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The confidential source utilized regarding the meeting of the National Board, CPUSA was NY 2362-S*.

The confidential source utilized regarding BEN DAVIS' statement following the meeting was NY 2031-S*.

With respect to PHIL BART'S statement appearing in enclosed letterhead memorandum to the effect that a two-week vigil is being planned before the CIA, it is noted that this has not yet been confirmed from any other source. NYO will remain alert for any additional information and immediately advise the Bureau and WFO.

Reairtel referred to the possibility of a demonstration in Washington, D. C. on 4/29/61. For the further information of WFO, it is noted that reference is made in attached letterhead memo to a demonstration being planned in Washington, D. C. on 4/30/61. WFO is requested to advise the Metropolitan Police of the possibility of a demonstration on 4/30/61, and a two-week vigil being organized.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

Report Form
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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	4/27/61	2/61-4/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
PHILIP BART	HAROLD P. QUINN	jbb

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950
SMITH ACT - 1940

Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA HAROLD P. QUINN, dated 1/27/61, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed report is broken down into two sections as per Bureau instructions. Part I contains the admissible evidence and Part II the inadmissible evidence.

BART is an unindicted Smith Act subject and the character of Smith Act - 1940 appears on the original copy of this report.

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The identities of the agents who observed the subject entering CP Headquarters, NYC, are set forth below together with the dates on which the subject was observed:

Date	Agent
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2/9/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
2/10/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
2/15/61	[redacted]
2/16/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
2/20/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
2/21/61	[redacted]
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3/14/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/15/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON
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3/21/61	[redacted]
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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source		File No. Where Located
NY T-1 NY 1750-S*		
NY T-2 NY 694-S*		
NY T-3 [redacted]	2/15/61 3/22/61	[redacted]
NY T-4 [redacted]		
NY T-5 CG 5824-S*		
NY T-6 [redacted]		[redacted]

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NY T-7 NY 2002-S*	
NY T-8 NY 2359-S*	
NY T-9 NY 1637-S*	

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

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1. [x] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [x] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [x] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [x] This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) information attributed from NY T-1 through NY T-9 the unauthorized disclosure of which could impair the future effectiveness of these techniques and this impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of the country.

8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[x] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) a reinterview of the subject might endanger coverage of the subject's activities presently furnished by a number of highly confidential and anonymous sources maintained for the purpose of giving intensified coverage to the subject's activities. In addition, it is felt that because of the subject's national position in the CP any such interview may also prove to be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject is National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA and an elected member of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA.

11. [x] Subject's SI card [x] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[x] Subject's activities [x] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: HAROLD P. QUINN
Date: April 27, 1961

Office: New York

Field Office File No.: NY 100-56579

Bureau File No.: 100-3284

Title:

PHILIP BART

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

Subject resides with his wife at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. He is employed full time by the CP, USA as National Organizational Secretary. He was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee during March, 1961, and attended numerous other meetings of National CP functionaries. Subject attended meetings of the New England District CP Committee, made funeral arrangements for EUGENE DENNIS, and attempted to join LUMUMBA demonstration at UN, NYC. Subject's other activities and appearances set forth.

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NY 100-56579

DETAILS

The Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

NY T-1 advised on April 21, 1961, that the subject resides with his wife, CONSTANCE BART, in Apartment 4G, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

NY T-9 furnished information on April 19, 1961, that CONSTANCE BART is the Educational Director of the Kings County CP.

PART I

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

Subject's Employment and Position in the CP, USA

NY T-2 advised on April 14, 1961, that the subject is employed by the CP, USA in the capacity of National Organizational Secretary.

Subject's Activities in the New England District

NY T-3 and NY T-4 advised on February 15, 1961 and February 16, 1961, respectively, that the subject had attended a meeting of the New England District CP Committee on February 12, 1961, held in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Source advised that at this meeting, subject gave a report on the National Committee of the CP, USA and its recent meeting.

NY T-3 advised on March 22, 1961, that the subject had been in attendance at a meeting of the District Committee of the New England CP held on March 19, 1961, at Sharon, Massachusetts.

Subject's Attendance at Meetings of CP Functionaries

1. National Control Commission

NY T-5 advised on March 26, 1961, that the subject had been present as an invited guest at a meeting of the National Control Commission of the CP, USA held on March 24, 1961, at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

2. New York State CP Committee

NY T-6 advised on March 9, 1961, that the subject had been present on March 4 and 5, 1961, at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held at the Central Plaza Annex, New York City.

Subject's Appearances at CP Headquarters

During the period of this report, the subject was observed by Special Agents (SAS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on almost a daily basis entering or leaving CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

PART II

Subject's Employment by the CP, USA

On March 14, 1961, NY T-7 furnished information that the subject was officially on

the payroll of the National Office of the CP, USA during January, February and March, 1961, and that he received a gross weekly wage of $85.00.

Subject's Attendance at Meeting of the National Executive Committee

NY T-8 advised on March 9 and 10, 1961, that the subject had been present on those dates at meetings of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA held at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

The source advised that at the March 10th session of the above meeting, it was announced that the subject would be a member of a Committee to Revise the Constitution of the CP, USA.

Subject's Attendance at Meetings of CP National Functionaries

NY T-8 advised that the subject had been present at various meetings described below which had taken place at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York City:

Meeting	Date
CP Leading Functionaries	February 7, 1961
CP National Secretariat (guest)	February 8, 1961
CP National Organization Commission	February 10, 1961

Meeting	Date
CP National Secretariat (guest)	March 1, 1961
CP Leading Functionaries	March 23, 1961
CP Leading Functionaries	March 29, 1961
CP National Board	April 5, 1961

At the meeting of the CP Leading Functionaries, February 7, 1961, described above, the subject delivered a long report on party organization. During this report, the subject was highly critical of the present organizational setup of the CP as well as the general functioning of the various national committees and commissions. He said that a systematic checkup of the party's work would be instituted and the whole question of leadership should be examined. He said that there had arisen a question as to the need for a National Secretariat and a National Executive Committee. He said the main question was whether this form of organizational leadership is effective and whether the party should instead operate with some kind of a Resident Board.

The subject then went on to describe the composition of the "Org Bureau" (Organizational Bureau) of which he said he was Chairman. He pointed out that there was also an Organizational Commission composed of Comrades from outside of New York, and that one of the big problems was being able to get members of this Bureau and of the Commission to meet more often.

Source advised that during the meeting, the suggestion was made that the subject and another National CP functionary assume the responsibility of the day to day operation of the party, and that this would free others in the National Office for more active work in the National Organization.

At the meeting of the National Organizational Commission, described above, the subject criticized that body as having failed on many occasions to follow through on questions which arose and/or decisions made. He said that the Commission had insufficient contact with the districts and had been of no help with problems of party organization in these areas. He recommended that thought be given on having the regular Organizational Commission Meetings in various districts on a regular basis. He said that in the future, the Commission will direct its major attention to the development of campaigns and problems before the party and make available material and leadership to the district to execute the decisions made on these problems. He said the Commission will also undertake the coordination of all other commissions in the exchange of information within the entire party.

At the National Secretariat Meeting on March 1, 1961, described above, the subject made a report on party reorganization. He stated that the committee of which he was a member recommended the following steps to be taken in line with this reorganization:

1. Abolish the National Secretariat.

2. Establish the National Executive Committee as the Central Political Committee to give day to day leadership to the party between National Committee meetings.

3. That the National Executive Committee meet every two weeks.

Miscellaneous

NY T-1 advised on February 1, 1961, that the subject was making all of the funeral arrangements for EUGENE DENNIS, former National Chairman of the CP, USA who had just died.

NY T-1 advised on February 15, 1961, that the subject had attempted to participate in a mass protest demonstration at the United Nations Headquarters, New York City, on that date, over the death of PATRICE LUMUMBA in the Congo. Source advised that the subject stated that the police had prevented him from joining the protesting pickets.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 27, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

NY 100-56579

Title Philip Bart

Character Internal Security - C

Reference Internal Security Act - 1950

is made to the report of Special Agent Harold P. Quinn, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-27452) 5/1/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

BOB THOMPSON
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date 4/14/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 4/14/61, (BOB THOMPSON) contacted (PHIL BART)..BOB said he is calling re the General WALKER story..in the BIRCH Society..thinks it is made to order to become some what of an issue..remarked that it is outrageous..and no liberal, progressive person can go along with it..thinks "we" should make a real issue of it. PHIL thought about it this morning, but was so busy he didn't go any further..told BOB that there's interest, in our opinion, of this development..said he had a call from San Francisco yesterday and there a CBS TV interview with ELIZABETH..for National broadcast..asking a number of people..had a call today from AP..coming in Monday to interview BEN..thinks it is for opinion from, what they would call, the extreme left and extreme right. BOB thinks a statement would be directed toward liberal opinion in the country..and a real place (for the statement?) in the paper. PHIL thinks a play in the paper... told BOB they had an interesting report and discussion on it this past Wednesday..not general, but concrete..and on the basis on that there is a big story in this week's "Worker" by MIKE NEWBERRY..who has been following it for quite some time, and besides that, we are going to publicize the whole question, and our position on that in a popular pamphlet very quickley.

BOB thinks that's good..thinks they should try to center on it and develop a real campaign around it. PHIL thinks

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that's good..thinks they should get together to figure out how they can focus attention in getting an expression either through Congress or some Committee or through times of appropriation when questions are raised. BOB thinks they can get labor and liberal expression on it, if they can make it something that is not an ordinary occurance. PHIL will think about it..glad BOB brought it up..need to find some expression on it..would welcome a memo from BOB.

SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-55846)

HERB KRANSDORF
IS-C

On 3/11/61, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of material in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART from their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Among this material were photographs of a two page handwritten letter along with an envelope dated Monday, April 3, addressed to the subject and postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It appears that this letter was written by the subject and contains information regarding a delivery of "The Worker" as appears to have been previously discussed by the subject with LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Business Manager of "The Worker".

The original photographs of this material are being made an enclosure to this letter to Pittsburgh for their information.

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BURT NELSON
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NY 1750-S* furnished information on 3/31/61 regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

PHIL mentioned to CONNIE BURT NELSON and described him as a "strange case". He commented that NELSON never got over what happened to his son and that his case is worst then HOMER's (CHASE). CONNIE commented that BURT must be getting progressively worst.

PHIL then mentioned "Party Affairs" and said that HY LUMER made it his personal project. He continued that he, WILLIAM WEINSTONE and BETTY GANNETT had a meeting concerning the next issue and they had agreed that they would like to bring it out roughly in March, May, September and November. He said that they would like to bring it out as a "Party bulletin" expressing mainly news on club activities. He said that it would be a real Party organizational bulletin with limited educational material. At present there is an issue at the printers which they would like to shuttle and instead prepare a new one for May unless HY raises so much of a fuss that they can't.

BART continued that they don't need articles by HY and material such as that, but that the new issue should contain a page on May Day and also material showing how a club Chairman and Secretary should act.

2 - Seattle (100-)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-133435) (PARTY AFFAIRS) (415)
1 - New York (100-134833) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1 - New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415) 100-56579-5544
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He said a Party organization bulletin would serve this purpose. He continued that the three of them would act as a committee but that probably HY will consider the idea an affront to him and some kind of a personal attack.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-126741) 4/27/61

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]
SM-C

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 4/14/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on the above date, BEN DAVIS, PHIL BART and an individual believed to be [redacted] had an informal discussion at CP headquarters, NYC. b6 b7C

Informant advised that the discussion pertained to the possibility of [redacted] going to work for "The Worker". b6 b7C

The individual believed to be [redacted] said that he was thinking seriously about returning to school and was not too anxious to go to work "The Worker." He said that working on a capitalist paper would be valuable experience for him, whereas working for "The Worker" would cut his development short. He added that he did not mean he would stay on the "Hoboken News" all his life. b6 b7C

BEN DAVIS remarked that he [redacted] would have to make his own decision, but they wanted him to know how they felt. b6 b7C

The individual believed to be [redacted] said that he has written to several schools which have good writing programs such as Columbia, Chicago and Indiana. b6 b7C

[redacted] Informant advised that no decision was made, but [redacted] was to contact GUS (HALL) at a later date. b6 b7C

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Informant was unable to determine whether [redacted] was working on the "Hoboken News" or merely applying for such a position.

It is to be further noted that NY 2359-S* advised on 4/13/61, that during a meeting at CP headquarters regarding the Party press, particularly "Political Affairs", BEN DAVIS remarked that a proposal was made that there would be two assistants (apparently for "Political Affairs") [redacted] and [redacted]

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HY LUMER objected and said that there needs to be further discussion on the proposal because of the financial questions.

Above for information.

SAC (65-1686) 4/27/61

SA FORREST F. BURGESS

[redacted] b7D

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On 4/10/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA FORREST F. BURGESS. This information was dictated into statement form on 4/12/61, transcribed by Stenographer [redacted] on 4/13/61, and read and initialed by the informant on 4/19/61. It is maintained in [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

"Philadelphia, Pa.
April 10, 1961

[redacted] received a telephone call at his residence on April 7, 1961, from a person in New York City, during which call [redacted] was informed the meeting he was to attend in New York City was to be held at [redacted] New York City, top floor. [redacted] was overheard to say on April 7, 1961, that he would leave for New York on the afternoon of April 8, 1961, b7D

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(1 - 100-22157 - PHILIP BART)
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(1 - 100-1578 - [redacted]
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(1 - [redacted] b7D

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"and would arrive in New York about 4 p.m. On April 8, 1961, [redacted] did leave in order to attend this meeting in New York City. He left a note and indicated he could be reached at the residence of [redacted] Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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[redacted] returned to Philadelphia at 7 p.m. on April 9, 1961. He said he and [redacted] had attended the meeting in New York City and arrived there about 4 p.m., on April 8, 1961. He did not indicate what kind of meeting he had attended. He said he was supposed to see PHIL BART while he was in New York, but BART had not shown up by the time [redacted] was ready to leave, consequently, [redacted] returned to Philadelphia without seeing [redacted]

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Addendum

From other sources it has been ascertained the meeting attended by [redacted] in New York City on 4/8/61, was a meeting of the National Negro Commission, CPUSA.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC (100-31643)

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM: SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

SUBJECT: CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES. This information was dictated into statement form on 4/20/61, transcribed by Stenographer [redacted] 4/21/61 and [redacted] initialed by the [redacted] SI. It is maintained in [redacted]

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10 - New York (Registered Mail)
(1 - 100- CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
(1 - 97-401 - PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.)
(1 - 100- THE WORKER)
(1 - 100- - PHILIP BART)
(1 - 100- [redacted]
(1 - 100- - [redacted] - Middle Aged White Woman)
(1 - 100- - [redacted] - White Man, About 55 Years of Age)
(1 - 100- - [redacted] White Man, About 58 Years of Age)
(1 - 100- - UNKNOWN MAN, Negro, 5'8½", 165 Pounds, About 33 Years of Age)
(1 - 100- - UNKNOWN WOMAN, White, About 58 Years of Age, 5'3" to 4" Tall, 165 Pounds)

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1 - Philadelphia (100-31643)
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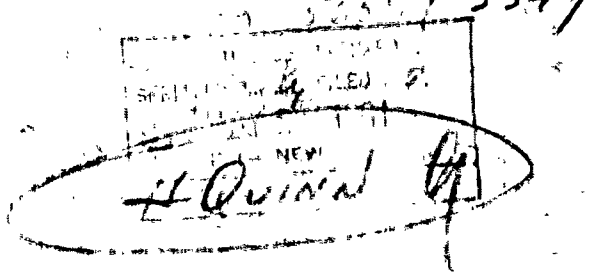

"Philadelphia, Pa.
April 17, 1961

"About [redacted] a group of people began to assemble at the corner of Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., to travel to New York City. This group included [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated [redacted] had called her to state that he would be unable to make this trip although he had planned to do so. The group entered the car of [redacted] and drove to New York City, arriving about 11:50 a.m., at CPUSA National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The car was parked on 27th Street. b7D

"The group walked to the third floor of this building and saw PHILIP BART. After talking for a short time the group decided to go out for lunch since the meeting was not due to begin until a little later.

"The meeting began about 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with PHIL BART as chairman. Others noted at the meeting were [redacted], described as 58 years of age, white, 5'7" tall, 170 pounds, [redacted] beside the [redacted] and wears glasses; [redacted] about 55 years of age, white, 5'11" tall, 180 pounds, brown-gray mixed hair, who is connected with 'The Worker;' [redacted] who has gray hair, middle aged, white woman; Negro man from the Bronx, 5'8½" tall, 165 pounds, about 33 years of age, brown skin, complexion rough in the beard area, no glasses, short-cropped hair; white woman who is connected with the Garment Workers Union, about 58 years of age, 5'3" to 4" tall, 165 pounds, stout build; and a second white woman whose description is not known. b7D

"Others in attendance were the Philadelphia group: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

"It was announced that representatives from Baltimore and from the New Jersey Communist Party had been present and met with 'The Worker' representatives April 14, 1961, so there was no need for them to be present at this meeting.

[redacted] announced that the purpose of calling this meeting was to help in the campaign to raise $80,000 nationally for 'The Worker.' Everyone was asked to try to raise money for 'The Worker' and upon return to their home areas were to try to meet with groups to pledge money for this purpose. [redacted] stated the National Office was very disappointed at the small number of subscriptions to 'The Worker' that were being sold, and felt that everyone should participate in the press drive and should sell the paper on a door-to-door basis in order to get it into the hands of the people. b7D

"It was announced that this group would be a part of a permanent committee to be known as the National Press Committee of the CPUSA. New York plans to ask for delegates to come from every area except the South for a meeting of the National Press Committee, CPUSA, to be held in June 1961 to help promote the press.

"Various suggestions for selling subscriptions were discussed in an effort to increase sales of 'The Worker.'

"During a discussion on unemployment, one of the speakers mentioned that there would be an AFL-CIO conference on unemployment held in Washington, D. C., in the near future.

"The meeting ended about 4:45 p.m. and the Philadelphia group left shortly thereafter. Following the meeting, [redacted] picked up 30 copies of 'The Worker.' Someone in the office of 'The Worker' gave [redacted] a ball point pen with the name 'The Worker' inscribed on it. PHIL BART gave a pencil to each person present b7D

"and also sent a pencil to THOMAS NABRIED. These pencils were brought back from Russia by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

"While at the CP National Office, two electric typewriters broke. Although he had never before repaired an electric typewriter, [redacted] from the Philadelphia group was able to get these typewriters operating. In addition, the building elevator at 23 West 26th Street, New York City, became stuck while the group was present, and [redacted] also repaired it while at the CP office.

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"On the return trip to Philadelphia, [redacted] stated she had been away from Philadelphia during the fall of 1960 to attend a CP school which laster for four weeks. GABOW said the students at this school had to study very hard in order to pass the tests which they were given. She also said there was a lot of snow where this school was held, that the classes were half white and half Negroes, and that two persons shared each room.

"The group arrived back in Philadelphia about 8:00 p.m."

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Date: 4/28/61

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TO: Director, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-32825)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 3/31/61, Bureau letter 4/6/61, and Philadelphia airtel 4/20/61.

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  1 - 100-118174 (MILT ROSEN) (414)
  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
  1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
2 - WFO (RM)
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  1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
  1 - 100-4053 (A. HARRY LEVITAN)

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PH 547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 4/22/61 advised that THOMAS NABRIED contacted an unidentified female at Trans World Airlines, Philadelphia, Pa., gave his name, and stated he had a reservation for 4/27/61. He described this reservation as pertaining to a flight to Europe which leaves New York at 7 p.m. The unidentified female, after checking, informed NABRIED that his reservation was for Wednesday, 4/26/61, and that she can hold it until Tuesday, 12 noon, 4/25/61. NABRIED explained to this unidentified woman that he had not received his passport and that was the reason for his request to hold his reservation.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 4/27/61 advised that THOMAS NABRIED, District Chairman, CPEPD, advised FRANCES GABOW, District Organizational Secretary, CPEPD, on 4/27/61 that he had not received his passport. b7D

For the information of WFO, PH 547-S*, on 4/21/61, advised that THOMAS NABRIED on that date advised A. HARRY LEVITAN, Esquire, that he contacted the Passport Office, State Department, but with no success. LEVITAN asked the number that NABRIED had called and was furnished it as Republican 7-5600, Extension 6601.

Later that day the same informant advised that A. HARRY LEVITAN contacted THOMAS NABRIED and stated he had talked to a Mrs. ZEPP (phonetic) of the Passport Office in Washington and got absolutely nothing. She told LEVITAN that she does not see how NABRIED's passport could be processed before the 26th of April, 1961. LEVITAN told NABRIED that he talked to his associates, [redacted] (phonetic) in Washington, and they are going to "needle" them. b6 b7C

Information copies are designated for the completion of the files of the respective offices to whom this airtel is directed.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 5/2/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY
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4/24/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had attempted to contact SI GERSON at his employment at "Afton Tours" but was apparently unsuccessful. The subject left a message that GERSON should call him as soon as possible. It has been learned from other sources that the subject was making travel arrangements for those persons leaving the United States for Moscow, Russia for the purpose of attending May Day celebrations. The subject was undoubtedly making these arrangements through GERSON.

4/25/61

NY 694-S* advised that GUS HALL had stated that he had given over $3,000 of the $7,000 meant for the Puerto Rican CP to the subject. HALL said that originally this money had been sent to reimburse the Puerto Rican CP, particularly for "electrical equipment". HALL said that he intended to turn over more of these funds to the subject for the use of the CP, USA.

4/26/61

NY 1749-S* advised that LOUISE PATTERSON had contacted the subject and told him that her husband, BILL,

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was sick and confined to bed with a high fever. She said that because of this, PATTERSON would not be able to travel to Albany on Friday. She then went on to say that BILL was very disturbed about the revival of the movie, "Gone With the Wind", and thinks that it might be a good idea to start a protest campaign against it. The subject said that he will see a few people tomorrow for an exchange of opinion on this suggestion.

4/27/61

NY 2362-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the National Board of the CP, USA held at CP Headquarters, NYC. During the meeting the subject spoke on the Cuban invasion and gave a background report on the present situation. He then related that there had been a number od demonstrations by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and other Cuban supporters. However, he said that this committee is still in the hands of the "Trotskyites" but that it is still possible for a considerable amount to be done by the Party as far as demonstrations and other protests are concerned. (NY airtel to Bureau, 4/27/61, captioned, "CP, USA - ORGANIZATION.")

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted SID TAYLOR in New Haven, Connecticut and they spoke about the trip of LOUIE (WEINSTOCK) to Connecticut. TAYLOR said that they had already sent a letter to WEINSTOCK giving him the details including the itinerary and the subject said that LOUIE apparently had not received it yet and had asked him to check. They both then agreed that the letter would probably show up the following day.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed a New York State CP meeting

which she had attended the previous evening. CONNIE said that CLARENCE HATHAWAY, SI GERSON, ESTHER and ABE UNGER and WILL BROMS had all been in attendance. She said that the UNGERS were especially bad but that BROMS was an "idiot." She said there was some discussion at the meeting of attempting to get someone on the ballot for the New York City elections in the fall.

The subject commented that BEN DAVIS is really the leader of these characters, such as ESTHER and ABE. He said DAVIS is supposed to be the National Secretary but that he never does anything nor will he take any assignment. He said DAVIS' latest is that he doesn't want to be Secretary but just wants to be in Harlem.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had complained to his wife about ARNOLD JOHNSON and his never doing anything as far as "defense work" goes. He said that most of JOHNSON's work comes to him and the rest of it goes back where it started.

CONNIE then asked the subject how the three man committee to run the Party's affairs was making out. He said that there had been a proposal that it be continued with he, JACK STACHEL and JIM JACKSON. He said that it was proposed that JACK be named Secretary but that he objected because he felt everyone in Harlem would say he took BEN's job. He said actually it is a coordinating committee whose real purpose will be to go over Party work on a day-to-day basis. He said that this committee would meet two or three times a week, however, the Organizational Bureau would be still the "main instrument."

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife again discussed ARNOLD JOHNSON and his inactivity. CONNIE expressed the opinion that she couldn't understand why there is so much "pussyfooting" around when it comes to ARNOLD, especially since they don't pull punches with BEN DAVIS. The subject commented that JOHNSON is a "crony" of GUS HALL and that makes a difference. CONNIE commented that maybe the best way to get DAVIS is from underneath. She said if they cut ARNOLD off that would be taking the props out from under BEN. PHIL commented that they couldn't any more cut ARNOLD than they could cut himself. . CONNIE retorted that there is always a possibility that they could cut him.

At this remark the subject became very angry and commented that they didn't stand a chance of cutting him. He said that ARNOLD is recognized as a contact man in the Party and that this his main contribution in addition to having a "good Rabbi." He commented that CONNIE didn't have to worry about him.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 4-25-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. IF THIS INFORMATION IS SET FORTH IN A REPORT, IT SHOULD BE SO PARAPHRASED THAT IT CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TO THIS SOURCE.

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2-Boston (RM)
(1-100-547 (ANN BURLAK)
(1-100- (CP, New England District - International Relations)
3-Los Angeles (RM)
(1-100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
(1-100- (CP, Southern California District - International Relations)
(1-100-26044 (CP, Southern California District - Organization)
7-New York (Enc. 4)(RM)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1-100-12376 (GERHARDT EISLER)
(1-100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
(1-100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)
(1-100-86624 (CP, USA - International Relations)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
3-San Francisco (RM)
(1-100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1- 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)
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On April 17, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated April 13, 1961, at San Francisco, California, and a one-page typewritten enclosure prepared by ANN BURLAK and transmitted to FLYNN which was dated March 25.

These items were photostated by the Chicago Office and the originals returned to the source on April 19, 1961.

Two photostats of each of these items are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and New York.

One photostat has been made an exhibit and is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(207).

Set forth below, with the exception of minor personal data, are the verbatim contents of the above items. The information appearing in parenthesis was supplied by the source on April 17, 1961, for purposes of clarification:

"San Francisco - Calif.
"April 13 - 1961 -

"Dear ..... : - Here is a note I just received from Anne Burlak /Timpson/. I do hope it can be arranged for her to go (May Day delegation, 1961, to Soviet Union) - it means so much to her and she will get a lot out of it too. Do try. Dorothy (Healey) called this a.m. ..... She is all excited. I may remain here longer -- negotiations are on between No & So Calif. If the NEC is set for the 20 & 21st it will suit all of us out here better. They are phoning Phil (Bart) today. So. Calif wants to arrange meetings after their May Day meeting which will be on the 5th. I prefer to stay here in this lovely city then to take a week on the desert, as they offered in L.A. Mickie (Lima) can keep me quite busy here. Its a real pleasure - they are such fine people. I am so deluged with mail - I really will need a part-time Sect. It keeps me busy answering them all. Had a nice letter from Gerhart & Hilda (Eisler) from Berlin. My howls worked - I got a large envelope from N.Y. with

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"all their releases etc. and all my mail from there. Also Pate (William Patterson) sent a large envelope full too. If you are short of people to go - I know Jim Tormey would like to do so, but he'd have to act quickly on the passport. His address is 215 Willoughby Ave - Brooklyn UE 7-4045. Weather remains beautiful. Great interest in the Soviet spaceman - papers are full of stories, with big headlines and pictures. Gee whiz! All the questions I'm asked! A Chairman is supposed to be an authority on everything - jazz, sports, art, statistics and what not.

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"Love, Elizabeth

"Address here until I write otherwise."

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"20 Brookledge St.
"Roxbury, Mass.
"March 25th

"Dear Elizabeth,

"Congratulations on your election as chairman. I understand that it created quite a sensation in the news media. Well, there couldn't have been a better choice so far as I'm concerned.

"I don't know when you will get this letter since I understand that you are now making a speaking tour of the West Coast. However, I wanted to get this letter off to you at this time.

"The incident of the Lumumba resolution at your reception is still causing repercussions. Perhaps it couldn have been handled a little differently - voting on the principle of protesting Lumumba's assassination, but leaving wording entirely up to the Committee. Of course the important thing is what is being done among broader groups about organizing protests.

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"Incidentally, I received my passport today, so I am all set to travel whenever something can be arranged.

"Best regards,

/S/ "Anne"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

On 4/4/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date an informal discussion was held at CP USA headquarters, NYC.

Among those in attendance were: BEN DAVIS, JACK STACHEL and PHIL BART.

3- Baltimore (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-) (JAKE GREEN)
(1- 100-) (GEORGE MEYERS)
2- Chicago (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
2- Detroit (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-) (CARL WINTER)
2- Indianapolis (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-) (MANNY BLUM)
2- Newark (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-) (PAT TOOHEY)
2- San Francisco (Info) (RM)
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1- New York (100-128814) (CP USA NYD Organization) (414)
1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
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1- New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
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1- New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
1- New York (100-73516) (CHAIM SULLER) (414)
1- New York (100-19679) (ISADOR WOFSEY) (415)
1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLY FLYNN) (415)
1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1- New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1- New York (100-49430) (PAT TOOHEY) (41)
1- New York (65-14920) [redacted]
1- New York (100-New) (RIVAH) (LNU)
1- New York (100-228) (JUNE GORDON) (411)
1- New York (100-80643) (CP USA Women's Matters) (415)
1- New York (100-103273) (ROSE WEINSTOCK) (415)

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BEN DAVIS opened the discussion by commenting that the National Secretary has no function in the Party and indicated that this post should be abolished. He remarked that Harlem is theoretically a national concentration and thought that the Party should station someone there with a "high mass potential." DAVIS said that "I" should also keep an office in Harlem but that it should not be a "Party office."

DAVIS stated that the Party should reach out and re-establish certain ties adding that in his opinion the Party has no one in New York in charge of Negro work. He said that PAT (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) is limited because of his age, 70 years old in August. DAVIS felt that in order for the Party to consolidate work in New York it required (tolerance?) which PAT (PATTERSON) does not possess.

JACK STACHEL, in answer to DAVIS expressed the opinion that the discussion of Harlem should be taken up at another time.

PHIL BART commented that in his opinion the problems will not be solved by an office in Harlem. He felt that what was needed was to re-establish confidence in the collective leadership of the Party. BART said that leadership was needed now and this national leadership included DAVIS as part of it. [illegible] DAVIS opened the discussion by commenting that the National Secretary has no function in the Party and JACK STACHEL said that for the past 15 years there has not been a unified leadership in the Party and this situation cannot continue. [illegible] DAVIS said that "I" should [illegible] Harlem but that it should not be a "Party office."

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JACK STACHEL, in answer to DAVIS expressed

The informant advised that the discussion on this point closed with BEN DAVIS commenting that CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT), who is in charge of Negro work in the Party, is able to decide for himself as to what role he will play in the district leadership (Chicago), but that comrades are very reluctant to permit him (DAVIS) to see what he would be able to do to guide the Party in a very important area (Harlem).

In concluding DAVIS said that he was not recommending that he not be a part of the resident board of the NEC or the New York District Board. The informant advised that DAVIS then utilized the added security of the blackboard to emphasize further his position but that this information was not available to the informant.

JACK STACHEL next commented regarding the Party's working committees. He said the Party has an org committee that functions more or less as well as a Trade Union Commission, the Org Commission, National Group Commission, Youth Commission and an Education Commission. STACHEL noted that the Party does not have a commission for National Affairs, International Affairs or a social commission. He felt that every member of the National Committee should be on a commission.

STACHEL remarked that the org commission, next to the National Executive Board, is the most important and must see that the work is coordinated. He said the org commission consists of PHIL (BART), himself, HY (LUMER), IRVING (POTASH), (LOUIS) WEINSTOCK, BETTY (GANNETT) and DANNY (RUBIN).

On the Trade Union Commission there is a smaller group consisting of GUS HALL (IRVING) POTASH, GEORGE MORRIS, (LOUIS) WEINSTOCK and himself. In addition, there are comrades such as (GEORGE) MEYERS, (CARL) WINTER, (MANNY) BLUM and other comrades like MICKEY (LIMA), participating.

The Education Committee consists of (HY) LUMER,(WILLIAM) WEINSTONE, JIM ALLEN, BETTY (GANNETT), (HERB) APTHEKER, (PHIL) BART and others. He expressed the opinion that there should be a Negro on this committee adding that he had spoken to LUMER several times on this matter.

STACHEL remarked that on youth there was (JIM) ALLEN and (HY) LUMER. The informant noted that PHIL BART interrupted to correct STACHEL stating that LUMER was not on it but that (BILL) ALBERTSON was.

Continuing STACHEL mentioned the Negro Commission specifically mentioning LIGHTFOOT, DAVIS, JACKSON, PATTERSON, JAKE from Maryland, MILLIE (MC ADORY), WEINSTONE, PAULIE (possibly ROBESON) and EVELYN WIENER. He indicated that there were others, not named, on the Negro Commission.

The National Groups Commission consists of himself, CHARLIE DIRBA, WEINSTONE, WEINSTOCK, TRACTY (ALEXANDER TRACTENBERG), SULLER (CHAIM), RIVAH (phon), the Ukrainian, WOFSEY, the Ruskie and the Pol, and others. He remarked that ELIZABETH (FLYNN) as Chairman of the Party should be head of the National Affairs Committee with JOHNSON (ARNOLD), PATTERSON, HATHAWAY, TOOHEY, ALBERTSON, [redacted] and two others.

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STACHEL said that the Party should setup a Women's Committee specifically mentioning such people as JUNE GORDON and ROSE WEINSTOCK. STACHEL remarked that all of this was merely suggestions adding that more people have to take responsibilities.

BEN DAVIS stated that there was a need for a clarification of the role of national leadership. He felt that the Party needs more concentration and focus on specific issues adding that it is his experience that each department of the Party follows its own course of action. DAVIS specifically remarked that on the question of peaceful coexistence, the Party should make a major campaign on this. He noted that on the issue of religious education, which was a big topic in the country today, should be broken down and discussed, as well as the question of an anti-monopoly coalition, which is a long range perspective of the Party.

DAVIS said that with regard to the question of recession, people get the erroneous impression that we are glad for it but rather the Party should come out with a positive program. Continuing DAVIS said that the Party should concentrate on the Negro, labor and youth movements as well as political action movement as these are areas in which it is necessary for the Party to begin to change its whole concept. The concentration should always have in mind the building of the Party. DAVIS said he was for implementing the concentration on woman's matters.

Continuing DAVIS remarked that he would like to propose that following each meeting a memo should be prepared regarding the meeting and should be sent to each member of the NEC in order that they would know the matters under discussion. DAVIS also recommended that at each meeting the agenda should be carefully worked out in advance and that each point on the agenda should be limited to no more than 90 minutes.

JACK STACHEL then proposed that the board (National Board) should meet regularly each Wednesday from one until five PM. The meeting closed with the suggestion that the next NC meeting would be held on May 13 and 14.

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SAC, NEWARK ([redacted]) 5/1/61

SAC, NEW YORK (97-1792)

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Discussion between PHIL BART and [redacted] at CP Headquarters, NYC, re Fair Play for Cuba Committee b7D

Date Received [redacted]

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (orally)

Original located [redacted]

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA JOHN A. HAAG to [redacted] on 4/20/61, transcribed 4/21/61, and authenticated by informant on b6 b7C

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

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1 - Newark [redacted]RM)
1 - New York [redacted](Inv)(41)
1 - New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - New York (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(414)
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On [redacted] a discussion between PHIL BART and [redacted] took place at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, New York City, concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). b7D

BART expressed the opinion that this organization was controlled by the Trotskyites and that therefore the CP should have nothing to do with it.

[redacted] stated that this was not true, that the Party should look upon this organization as a legitimate and genuine mass organization and although there are Trotskyites in it, to avoid this organization would be the same as boycotting the AFL-CIO because it too has Trotskyites in its organization. He said that the direct leadership of the organization is not Trotskyite but that there are some key people, such as the office manager of the FPCC, who is a Trotskyite. JOHNSON stated that FPCC is a very difficult organization to influence democratically. He said that it is an offshoot of some corporate holding company which permitted it to come into being. This holding company exercises effective control of the FPCC and therefore this organization is not the type that can be changed by the activity of the membership. JOHNSON stated that despite this "holding company" setup the CP should not take a hostile attitude since the FPCC does have the acceptance of the Cuban Government. b7D

He said that the CP attitude should be that where profitable and constructive the Party should work with the FPCC but the Party should avoid any Trotskyite-controlled segments. The Party should also work, he said, among the ad hoc committees working for a pro-Castro Cuba.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128819)

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SA ROBERT E. MURAVIN (#414)

CP
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On 4/12/61, NY 2353-C*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following.

EVELYN WIENER at CP Headquarters, contacted ESTHER CANTOR and asked CANTOR how she was feeling. CANTOR replied that she felt better.

WIENER continued by stating that she was so aggravated. She explained that they had set up a subcommittee on Cuba and had an agreement that they should check and if the Fair Play for Cuba and 26th July Movement are not doing any thing next week, that they would have a picket line in front of the American Office. The United May Day Committee agreed to do it. At the subcommittee meeting no one showed up. This committee is PATTERSON, WIENER, BEN DAVIS and PHIL BART.

CANTOR observed that they were probably all over at HATHAWAY's. WIENER volunteered to speak on Friday. ESTHER accepted saying that she could not speak on both days. WIENER mentioned that she had an all day meeting on Saturday.

1-NY (100-5455) (EVELYN WIENER) (#414)
1-NY (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (#414)
1-NY (97-1792) (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA) (#31)
1-NY (100-31) (26th JULY) (#31)
1-NY (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (#414)
1-NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#415)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1-New York (100-128819)

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
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WEEKLY SUMMARY - CINAL
(OO: New York)

The following is a summary of DAVIS' activities for the period 4/24/61 through 4/30/61.

4/24/61

NY 2031-S* reported DAVIS mentioned to his [redacted] that he had to go to a meeting. [redacted] replied that she considers BEN's meetings to be a waste of time. b6 b7C

BEN said these meetings are the only way the masses have in which to express themselves. [redacted] repeated her statement, adding that even if the people express themselves "nothing ever comes of it." b6 b7C

BEN related he hopes that some day the Party will get a leadership that is willing to do something. He said that as long as people are willing to attend meetings he would go to such meetings "and the leadership can go to hell. It's the little people I'm interested in." BEN said that all of his life he has been interested in the little people with problems, the people who the politicians won't listen to, the people in Harlem who are discriminated against, and who are denied their rights and are treated like second-class citizens.

[redacted] replied BEN's aims are very noble, but he should not try to take such a crusade on his shoulders alone. b6 b7C

2-Bureau (100-149163) (RM) b6 b7C
1-New York (100-78800) [redacted] (415)
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
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NY 2031-S* reported BEN complained to [redacted] that he is completely fed up with having nothing to do at CP headquarters. He said they (CP leaders) think they can pressure him into becoming the same type of "worthless" leader as they are by trying to go behind his back and making decisions without first consulting him. BEN said they haven't got the guts to come out in the open and face him, but instead they just keep stabbing him in the back when he's not there.

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[redacted] said BEN is just imagining these things.

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He replied, "Like hell I am. POTASH, BART, STACHEL, the whole bunch, including that milktoast HALL, are all in on it. They won't take a stand on anything. Because I demand action on these issues like Cuba, the Congo and Laos, they whisper that I'm creating factionalism. Hell, what kind of a Party are we anyway if we don't give leadership to the masses in these issues?"

BEN went on to state that the fascist press and government propaganda in this country corrupts the people's thinking until the workers even believe the capitalist "swill" they put out. He said the Party has to fight it by mass demonstrations, picketing and rallies, but "those guys" (CP leadership) just want to sit and see the Party get weaker and weaker.

4/25/61

NY 2362-S* reported DAVIS attended a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, and invited guests held at CP headquarters, NYC. This meeting dealt with the French - Algerian situation and Cuba.

DAVIS was of the opinion that President KENNEDY's meetings with Republican leaders are meetings of a sinister character and are designed to lay the basis and create conditions for military intervention in Cuba.

DAVIS said that the Party should attack President KENNEDY for meeting with such people as Governor ROCKEFELLER, EISENHOWER, TRUMAN and BARRY GOLDWATER, but rather he should be meeting with trade unionists, Negro people and representatives of peace loving people in the country.

DAVIS commented that there is a weakness in the peace movement because it was unable to stop the invasion of Cuba. He said it was stupid to call President KENNEDY a murderer, the invaders were murderers. He felt that the Party should strike a very heavy blow at the CIA and hold President KENNEDY responsible.

Later, JACK STACHEL reported that at the first meeting of the task force for organizing work of the center, he had proposed that DAVIS become active as Chairman of the "Org. Bureau" and be part of the day to day committee of three to be responsible for execution of all policies coordinating the work of the center. STACHEL said DAVIS, however, had a different approach to his work.

DAVIS spoke in his own defense and said that the position of National Secretary of the Party is not needed and as for the position of Chairman of the "Org. Commission," it did not appeal to him. DAVIS said the Party should consider how to make the best use of a comrade with his potential. He recommended that the question of his role should be discussed with the National Board in executive session. He said he would propose that he go to Harlem to re-establish the Party's relationship with the Negro people.

NY 2362-S* advised that GUS HALL appeared to be particularly annoyed and commented that DAVIS had been offered a number of important posts in the Party and turned them all down. He said the point has been reached where DAVIS will be a part of this leadership or not and the question will be placed before the leadership of this Party. HALL said that no member of the National Board can continue without a specific responsibility.

DAVIS later said he was opposed to JACK STACHEL as Secretary of the "Org. Commission," but supported GUS HALL and PHIL BART as members of this committee.

In concluding the meeting, GUS HALL recommended strongly that the role of DAVIS must be resolved in the very near future, saying it was a serious question affecting the entire leadership of the Party.

Details of the above meeting were furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum, 4/27/61, under the caption, "CPUSA - ORGANIZATION; IS-C."

NY 2031-S* reported BEN told [redacted] of the discussion that day at CP headquarters. He said that GUS (HALL), JACK STACHEL and the rest of the "gutless bunch" are ganging up on him, trying to force him out of the Party. b6 b7C

[redacted] asked, "Why?" b6 b7C

BEN said it is an accumulation of many issues. "Today, they mentioned JACK STACHEL for Secretary and I opposed him because I honestly believe that STACHEL is nothing but a G.. D... windbag with not a G.. D... brain in his head, who talks for hours and says nothing....the man is a complete idiot."

BEN stated he first shocked them when he opposed ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN for Party Chairman because he believed that she was "a fat drunken pig" and wasn't a fit person to be head of the Party. BEN said FLYNN is making her reputation because she had her picture taken with KHRUSHCHEV.

BEN related that the whole G.. D... bunch just make him sick and if they try to force him out, "I'll make so much G.. D... trouble they'll regret they even started this."

[redacted] suggested that BEN resign. He replied he would not be forced out, "it's a matter of pride" and besides the masses deserve to be represented by a more competent leadership than those guys. b6 b7C

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NY 2031-S* reported [redacted] told BEN he should stay home and take care of his eyes (they have been bothering him for about a week). She said that all BEN ever does at meetings b6 b7C

anyway is argue and then comes home in a bad mood and takes it out on her and [redacted] b6 b7C

BEN said it is a question of protecting himself from those "b.....s" downtown. They are plotting against him and want him "out" because he is the only one who has guts enough to bring the controversial issues out in the open. He added he does not intend to let GUS HALL and that S.O.B. STACHEL dictate to him.

Later, in response to a newscast concerning Laos, BEN stated that (President) KENNEDY is looking for real trouble if he intervenes over there. He is a threat to peace and the whole world knows it. This (Laos) is a major issue and the Party should have mass action on it through demonstrations, picketing, letters, etc.

BEN said the Party won't do anything, however, because they are gutless and scared. He cited as an example, the Congo situation where he initiated some action and instead of backing him on it, the Party tried to censure and muzzle him for doing what was right.

4/28/61

NY 1869-S* reported BEN commented on an editorial in the "New York Times," which mentioned the N.Y. State Legislature's having passed a special bill which could deprive him of his driver's license. BEN said there was no comment on it at CP headquarters, but it is all part of their record of sarcasm and antagonism toward him.

NY 2031-S* reported BEN suggested that [redacted] quit part-time teaching and take care of their daughter. [redacted] replied she could not quit at this time as they "would starve." b6 b7C

BEN told [redacted] there are more important things in this world than money and the way she shuffles [redacted] around she is not fit to be a mother. b6 b7C

NY 2031-S* further reported [redacted] commented she has noticed BEN doesn't receive as many phone calls from people who formerly called. b6 b7C

BEN replied, "Yeah, they are all becoming gutless. I guess they feel like I'm a sinking ship and all of them, like rats, are getting off. Well, I'm not finished yet, not by a long shot. If I ever left the Party, I would take a lot of the people with me. I mean the common people and they are really the meat of the Party. They may not know it downtown, but among the Negro people I'm still the one they follow and respect, not those chauvinists downtown. Hell, you take the Negro workers out of the Party and there won't be any Party left."

[redacted] replied that it's a good thing she can teach as they won't starve anyway, no matter what happens. b6 b7C

4/29/61

NY 1869-S* reported [redacted] (ph) President of the Student Union and Civil Liberties at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., requested that DAVIS speak at Hunter College at 12 noon on 5/1/61. She explained that it is part of academic freedom week and speakers from all political parties have been invited to speak; each speaker to speak for 10 minutes on his Party's stand on various issues. Following this, there would be a question and answer period. DAVIS agreed. [redacted] said she would confirm the date the next day as there is some reluctance of the Republican speaker to appear on the same platform with a Communist. b6 b7C

NY 1869-S* further reported DAVIS commented that the proposal he introduced at a National Committee meeting that it be made a federal offense to discriminate against any African or Asian diplomat, has been taken up by ADAM (CLAYTON POWELL) and introduced as a bill in Congress. DAVIS said word of his criticism of POWELL must have gotten back to him and as a result, he brought this bill up in Congress.

NY 2031-S* reported that, following his conversation with [redacted] re speaking at Hunter College, BEN commented this is something he likes. "This is a challenge. This is talking to young people who are interested in learning the truth and who are receptive to new ideas." BEN went on to state that the future of the CP lies in these students, especially from the NY City schools. b6 b7c

NY 2031-S* further related BEN was scheduled to speak at an outdoor meeting, however, due to rain, he refused to speak. He told NINA that he is getting tired of speaking outdoors, that nobody else downtown speaks at these meetings but him, "the rest of that gutless bunch are afraid to face the people because they may be asked some questions which they won't have the answers for, they may be embarrassed, so they always push these meetings off on me."

4/30/61

NY 1869-S* reported [redacted] recontacted DAVIS re his speaking at Hunter College. She said the program had been cancelled because the Democratic speaker's wife had to have an emergency operation and he can't make it and the Republican speaker refuses to come alone. DAVIS laughed and stated, "they chickened out." b6 b7c

NY 2031-S* reported that, following this conversation, BEN told NINA the debate had been called off. He said they are afraid to face him man to man, that the only way they'll fight him is behind his back or to pass phony legislation against him. BEN said they are all cowards and are so unsure of their position that they won't stand on the same platform with him and debate. He said he is greatly disappointed that he did not get the opportunity to stand before the students of Hunter and show up these two "meatheads" for what they are - "representatives of the decadent capitalists, oppressors of the masses."

DAVIS was observed at CP headquarters on virtually every day during this period.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 5/4/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

NY 1750-S* furnished information on 4/11/61, regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 New Kirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following:

PHIL BART discussed the meeting which he had attended that evening and at which he was evidently a guest speaker. He said that the meeting was held at [redacted] (LNU)'s house and that INA (HALFANT) and [redacted] had been present. He said that the "new guy" BEN LUBEROFF, was also there although he came a little late and did not get the opportunity to speak.

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The source advised that from the conversation [redacted] evidently ran the meeting and that PHIL BART was very critical of him. BART described him as being "worthless". He said that at one point, there was a discussion about club charters and ten names being on each charter, and that [redacted] was opposed to this. BART said that he had to jump all over [redacted] a few times and that his position was supported by the other persons present. He said he told them that he was bringing the policy of the National Office, the NYS Party, and that policy was adopted by the NY District Board at their last meeting. He said he told them the elected boards make Party policy and not commissions, and that a definite line has been set and they can rest assured that it can be carried out.

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1-New York(100-101065) (INA HALFANT) (#422)
1-New York(100-130942) ([redacted]) (#422)
1-New York(100-66744) (BEN LUBEROFF) (#422)
1-New York(100-98068) ([redacted]) (#422)
1-New York(100-266030 43) (CP-KINGS COUNTY) (#422)
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Mr. Philip Bart,
2415 Newkirk Avenue,
Brooklyn 26, New York.

Dear Mr. Bart:

We are in receipt of your request for passport facilities.

Your application is receiving the consideration of this office, and when a decision is reached you will be notified.

Sincerely,

Frances Knight

Frances G. Knight
Director, Passport Office

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CITY COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. COUNTY OF KINGS

In the Matter of the Application

of

PHILIP [illegible]

for leave to change his name to

PHILIP BART.

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SOL. [illegible] C.HN

Attorney for Petitioner

Office and Post Office Address

100 Fifth Avenue

Borough of Manhattan, N.Y.C.

To

Attorney for

Due and proper service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated, New York,

Attorney for

At a Special Term, Part II, of the City Court of the City of New York, County of Kings, at the Court House, Schermerhorn and Smith Streets, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, on the 4th day of December, 1940.

PRESENT:

Hon. Joseph V. Gallagher,

Justice.

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In the Matter of the Application

of

PHILIP BERAL

for leave to change his name to

PHILIP BART.

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On reading and filing the petition of Philip Beral, verified the 19th day of November, 1940, praying for leave to assume the name of Philip Bart in place and instead of his present name, and it appearing from the said petition, and the court being satisfied that there is no reasonable objection to the change of name proposed:

Now, therefore, on motion of Sol. H. Cohn, attorney for the said petitioner, it is

ORDERED that the said Philip Beral be, and he hereby is, authorized to assume the name of Philip Bart in place and stead of his present name, on the 14th day of January, 1941, upon his complying with the provisions of Article 6 of the Civil Rights Law, namely: that the petitioner cause this order and the papers upon which it was granted to be filed in the office of the clerk of this court within

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the date hereof, and that within ten days from the date of entry of said order the petitioner cause a copy thereof to be published in the Citizen, a newspaper published in Kings County, and within forty days after the making of this order proof of such pbulication by affidavit be filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City Court of the City of New York, Kings County and after such requirements are complied with the said petitioner, Philip Beral,

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COUNTY OF KINGS

In Re Philip Beral
for leave to change his name
against
Philip Bart

Clerk's Office,
City Court of The City of New York

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (#415) DATE: 5/4/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

On 4/19/61, NY 1637-S furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 New Kirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Among the information furnished by the above source, were photographs of a one page letter of reply from the Department of State dated 4/14/61, to the subject regarding his request for a passport. This letter acknowledged the receipt of the subject's request and stated that consideration was being given to a decision on it.

The above source also furnished photographs of a copy of a court order dated 12/4/40, changing the name of the subject wfrom PHILIP BERAL to PHILIP BART.

The original photographs of this information are being made an attachment to the subject memorandum.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-26776) (#424) 5/4/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

CHARLES DIRBA
IS-C

On 4/15/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 New Kirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

PHIL BART mentioned to his wife that CHARLIE DIRBA "their accountant", keeps his books like a "grocery store clerk"; however, he said DIRBA knows what he is doing and is a very "good guy". He added that DIRBA receives $2.00 per hour and works 20 hours per week for the Party.

1-New York 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#415)
1-New York 100-12559 (CONNIE BART) (#415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-23825)(#415) 5/4/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

BEN DAVIS
IS-C

On 4/29/61, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence, 2415 New Kirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

PHIL complained to CONNIE about ARNOLD JOHNSON and the fact that he is not doing anything. CONNIE commented that she could not understand why there is so much "pussy-footing" around when it comes to JOHNSON, especially since they do not pull punches on BEN DAVIS. PHIL answered that JOHNSON is a "croney" of GUS HALL and that this makes a difference. CONNIE then wondered if the best way to get at DAVIS was from underneath. She said that if they cut off ARNOLD, they would be cutting the props out from under BEN. PHIL commented that they could no more cut ARNOLD off than they could himself.. He said that ARNOLD is recognized as a "contact man" in the Party and that this is his main contribution in addition to being a "good Rabbi."

1-New York 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#415)
1-New York 100-12559 (CONNIE BART) (#415)
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